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Moving MWC to the Cutting Edge

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Dear Friends:

At its recent meeting, the Board of Visitors named the Mary Washington College Stafford campus the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, as recommended by the College Image and Stafford Name Committee last year. Following numerous surveys of current students, faculty, administrators, staff and alumni, James Monroe was the overwhelming choice due to the many ties of the institution and the region to the statesman and fifth president.

In addition, the board strongly endorsed university status for the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses. This transition will be approached through the upcoming accreditation process required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), which offers the opportunity to address major issues vital to the long-term improvement of the institution.

With new schools and programs being developed to address the needs of the area community, Mary Washington College is indeed becoming a university. As part of the college of liberal arts and sciences, Mary Washington includes the Center for Historic Preservation and, new this fall, the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies. MWC also oversees the administration of Belmont, the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, and the newly created James Monroe Presidential Center. With the opening of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies next fall, new programs will be added as needed.

I wish to reassure you that, first and foremost, the name, the mission, and the distinctiveness of Mary Washington College will not change. Equally important, all of the College constituents, including faculty, administrative staff, students and alumni, will be involved as the study to assess the move to university status evolves.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

William M. Anderson Jr.

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The Jepson Science Center

BY ANNA BARRON BILLINGSLEY

In the middle of Mary Washington College's Jepson Science Center, a circular stairway connects the bright and airy lobby to the basement, which features a laboratory filled with two dozen new computers. The building's stately columned entrance is fronted by a brick plaza and an oval-shaped fountain. Inside Jepson, the classic pungent smell of college science buildings is barely perceptible.

This gleaming specimen is a far cry from smelly, dingy, cramped Combs Hall, the building on the other side of campus that housed the College science departments for 39 years.

But take a closer look.

At the bottom of that staircase on a recent morning, a student and her professor were plopped on the floor animatedly discussing a laboratory project. The day before, in a faculty office three levels above, a student rushed in to ask an instructor how to preserve the rare caterpillar specimen he had found. And another professor down the hall was reading e-mail from a former student who had just landed a job with a biotech company pouring polyacrilamide gels for different DNA sequencers.

All of this goes to show that a spacious state-of-the-art $12 million academic building does little to change the formula for Mary Washington College's success with its science program: one-on-one interactions between students and teachers.

That's not to say science students aren't wowed and College officials aren't proud of the building on College Avenue near U.S. 1. The 72,000-square-foot neo-Georgian structure houses teaching and research laboratories, classrooms, lecture halls and offices for the departments of biological sciences, chemistry, physics, environmental science and geology.

Opening the doors to Jepson for classes this semester was like "taking the shackles off someone," says Mary Washington College Faculty Dean Philip Hall. "The sciences are very, very facilities-intensive. In Combs, the College was so far behind the curve." Now, with this cutting-edge facility, Hall worries that the College will draw "more students interested in the sciences than we can handle."

That's not stopping Martin Wilder, Mary Washington's vice president for admissions and financial aid, who plans to capitalize on Jepson in recruitment efforts. "A first-rate facility will attract top-notch students," he says, noting that a brochure describing the College's science program is in the works.

But, Wilder is quick to add, the appeal of Mary Washington, particularly in the sciences, extends beyond physical structures. It's the quality of the faculty, the personal attention they give students and the smaller class sizes.

Leah Morris '99, biology major, packs the phytotron in Combs Hall for transfer to Jepson.

Sean Leckey '99, physics major, helps with move.

Dismantling the 800-lb. plasma spectrometer for move from Combs.

Cressida Shogern '99, lab assistant, sets up an experiment.

"I spent most of my life in Combs," says 1995 graduate Etta Agan, a physics major. "Sure, a new building would have been nice, but it wouldn't have changed the learning experience. It's the teaching that matters." And Agan, a student at Auburn University's School of Veterinary Medicine, is convinced Mary Washington prepared her well for graduate school. "I got a strong background in problem-solving," she asserts.

"One thing that always stands out in my mind was the availability of professors," says Agan, who worked closely with George King III, chair of the Department of Physics, on an undergraduate research project related to lameness in horses. "Their doors were always open. We got a lot of one-on-one attention."

Wendy Coling, a 1996 Mary Washington graduate who now attends Eastern Virginia Medical School, says, "I could go on and on about the excellence in teaching at Mary Washington College, but the bottom line is this: These professors pushed and still push us to excel."

Speaking this spring at the Jepson Center ribbon-cutting, Coling said, "Never in my two years of medical school have

I felt Mary Washington shortchanged me in any subject. In fact, I feel like I am better prepared than my classmates... Furthermore, Mary Washington gave me something that many other schools can't. Because of the smaller class sizes here, I got to know all of my science professors... [they] were not only a part of my academic life, but they supported me and my classmates in many other ways."

Gary Sayler, a University of Tennessee professor who served as adviser to a recent Mary Washington graduate, says he previously was not that familiar with Mary Washington. But, he says, based on that student's performance, he would be "inclined to place high priority on recruiting other Mary Washington College graduates." Graduate school is not the only arena for which Mary Washington's science program prepares students. Those students, like 1996 environmental science major Chris Stewart, who have gone straight into careers, have found that the Mary Washington experience "really helps out in the real world." In the College's smaller, personalized environment, "you're

Wendy Coling '96

Joella Killian, biology professor, reassembles the heads of several insect models after reaching the Jepson Science Center.

not afraid to ask questions," says Stewart, who works at Raydian International, an environmental engineering consulting firm in Herndon. "You *want* to learn."

What sets Mary Washington's science program apart from larger schools, according to Biology Chair Rosemary Barra, is that "the faculty do all the teaching — there are no graduate assistants." She adds, "Good relationships develop." The piles of correspondence on her desk from former students, many of whom simply want to touch base, testify to the strong bonds that exist between professors and students.

Barra, who's seen the number of science majors expand to 340 students during her 16 years at Mary Washington, says a new science building was desperately needed. "In Combs," she explains, "we had converted every inch of available space to research activity for undergraduates." A bathroom was turned into a lab, she said, and a storage closet became a research cubicle. "The space was so minimal, we had stuff piled in every area imaginable," says Stephanie Jacobe, who graduated in 1997 with a degree in physics. Even so, she was able to pursue

Plasma spectrometer, with exhaust duct intact, now resides in the Chemistry Department's Spectroscopy Lab in Jepson.

an ambitious undergraduate research project in Combs.

And interestingly enough, it was that project — an investigation of stress forces on Gothic cathedrals using polarized light — that brought Jacobe back to Mary Washington for a fifth year. She completed a second undergraduate major, this one in art history, in May. "I had the best two departments," Jacobe says. "I couldn't be happier with what Mary Washington gave me."

In the new building, undergraduate researchers like Elizabeth Reynolds, a senior chemistry student who's engaged in a biochemistry honors project related to a Third World disease called leishmania, has plenty of room to spread out and to store materials.

What premed student and Biology Club President Brian Monroe likes about the new building is that he now has a home away from home. A commuter from Occoquan, Monroe often finds himself on campus from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. In Combs, he vied for space on a hallway couch. Now, though, as he begins his undergraduate research on brain damage and repair, he can stake out his own territory at a desk in the fourth-floor student lounge. The area is also a good place for students from the various science disciplines to congregate and network, he adds.

Other features of the new building include a greenhouse, a sophisticated system of computers, and an extra-powerful air handling system — the reason most of the laboratory smells have been eliminated.

What environmental science professor Steve Fuller is most excited about, though, is something much smaller, but in abundance throughout Jepson: electrical outlets. In Combs, he says, "we were popping circuit breakers all the time. We were doing research in corners of teaching labs, and we never knew whether it would be there when we got back."

Stephen Gallik, a biology professor who serves as Mary Washington College's premed adviser, speaks passionately about the technology in Jepson, which he says is "heads and tails" above what Combs had to offer. "Nearly every student station in nearly every student lab in the building has a computer hookup to the campus network. That means, Gallik explains, that "wet," or hands-on experiments, can be conducted while simultaneously consulting or keying in data on a laptop computer. He calls this "a major, major improvement" over the situation in Combs.

Combs, which opened in 1959, was built at a cost of $675,000. Jepson, which had been in the planning stages for years and was under construction for two, is 50 percent larger. The new building was

made possible by a $2 million gift from Alice Andrews Jepson, Class of 1964. She said at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the building named in honor of her and her husband, Robert S. Jepson Jr., that the center "reflects much of what is great about Mary Washington College."

President William M. Anderson Jr., who calls Jepson a "wonderful, wonderful facility," has gone further. The new building, he says, "will be an enhancement not only for science, but for the institution's entire academic program."

Mary Washington is not known for being "a science school," says 1996 biology graduate Liz Rodriguez — and that won't change with the completion of the showcase science center. The focus will continue, as it should, on liberal arts, said Rodriguez, who works at the Genetics and In Vitro Fertilization Institute in Fairfax while pursuing a master's degree in cellular- and microbiology.

Had her degree been from a "science school," she says, "I would have a much narrower view. It's good to have a broader background to draw from. What Mary Washington definitely taught us," she adds, "is to think for ourselves."

One of those independent thinkers is Dr. Ray Stapleton Jr., a 1992 graduate and baseball standout who earned his Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Tennessee within five years. Because of his superior academic ability, Stapleton has been dubbed by one of his graduate school faculty members "a national treasure." Now a distinguished researcher at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, Stapleton took time recently to reflect on his undergraduate experience, especially in light of the opening of the new science center.

"I spent many hours at night and on weekends working and studying in Combs," he says. "I think the most important aspect of my science background from Mary Washington College was the interaction with people, not necessarily with the facility. However, I am sure I would have loved the opportunity to work in the new Jepson Science Center.

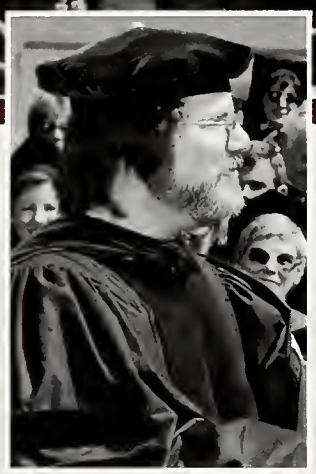
"A similar situation happened with baseball," he adds. "After I graduated, a wonderful stadium with permanent seating was built. I look at both items this way: The hard work of many students, including myself, has helped lay a firm foundation for current students and athletes to benefit.

"Hopefully, *they* will provide opportunities for future students."

Anna Barron Billingsley, a Fredericksburg-based free-lance writer and editor, serves as an adjunct professor of journalism in the Department of English at Mary Washington College. She is a former editor with The Free Lance-Star *in Fredericksburg and* The Richmond Times-Dispatch.

John Gilreath '01, a geology student, is looking at a thin section using a petrographic microscope, which relays the specimen being viewed to a monitor for a class to see.

Hildy Parks Cohen '45, William M. Anderson Jr. and Arabelle Laws Arrington '41



Outstanding Young Faculty Award

W. Gardner Campbell

Grellet C. Simpson Award

Bulent I. Atalay

Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award

Tiffany Hayzlett

Commencement 1998

Urging MWC's 792 graduates to become involved in their communities, Commencement speaker Hildy Parks Cohen '45 expressed the hope that the world is getting brighter, but cautioned that it still isn't totally fair. "There are too many people who, through no fault of their own, do not enjoy the privileges that a capitalist society is supposed to offer. ... We are the most richly endowed nation on earth — as a society we cannot permit people to go to bed hungry [or permit] some of our children to be ill-nourished and poorly educated."

Cohen has enjoyed a multifaceted career in television, stage and screen, as an actress, writer and producer. She conceived and created the Tony Awards for national TV and wrote the awards programs for the first 20 years they aired. She also wrote the Emmy Awards program three times and created and produced major television events, including NBC's 60th anniversary celebration.

Bulent I. Atalay, professor of physics, received the Grellet C. Simpson Award for excellence in teaching. He earned his doctorate in theoretical physics, his master's degree in nuclear physics, and his bachelor's degree in physics, mathematics and philosophy at Georgetown University. He also was awarded a master's degree "by decree" from Oxford University. Recognized nationally and internationally for expertise as an educator and scholar in an extraordinary range of fields including physics, astronomy, mathematics, art, archaeology and photography, Dr. Atalay has been an affiliate of, and featured speaker at, some of the world's most prestigious universities, including Oxford and Princeton. Throughout the 32 years he has taught at Mary Washington, students have admired his masterful lecturing style, erudition and inexhaustible patience. He lectures frequently as part of the Associates Program at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award went to W. Gardner Campbell, assistant professor of English. Supported by the Alumni Association, this award is presented annually to a faculty member who has come to MWC within the past five years. During his short time at the College, Dr. Campbell has been instrumental in the development of a centralized film and media library. A leader in using the newest technology to teach the humanities, Dr. Campbell is the author and developer of "HyperPoem," an interactive multimedia CD-ROM. In the classroom, students praise him for his passion for his subject and for challenging his students toward new growth and achievement. A specialist on John Milton and other authors of the English Renaissance, Campbell earned his doctorate and master's in English from the University of Virginia and his bachelor's degree in English from Wake Forest University.

Tiffany Hayzlett of Chancellor, Va., received the Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award for the highest grade point average in the graduating class. A theater major with a 4.0 record, Ms. Hayzlett will be going to New York City to work in theater management. About her perfect GPA, Ms. Hayzlett said, "It wasn't something I set out to do as a freshman. But I worked really hard that first year, and when I got all A's both semesters, I thought it would be really great if I could keep it up."

Honorary doctor of humane letters degrees were conferred at Commencement on Arabelle Laws Arrington '41, Hildy Parks Cohen '45 and Lawrence McMurtry. Arrington is president of the Board of Directors of the Mary Washington College Foundation and has been a member of the board since 1975. She has also served on the Board of Visitors and the Alumni Board. Cohen was the 1988 chair for the Campaign for Mary Washington and, in 1988, the first recipient of the Washington Medal. In 1978 she received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Lawrence McMurtry, a longtime friend of the College, passed away in July 1998. His honorary doctorate two months earlier at Commencement recognized his 14 years of service on the MWC Foundation Board, and his many significant contributions to the College, including the endowment of several scholarships, and his support of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra.

Lawrence McMurtry is congratulated by President Anderson upon receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Mr. McMurtry passed away in July 1998.

A Mary Washington College 1998 graduate has been honored in a national competition conducted by Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society. Anne E. Daugherty '98 of Miller Place, N.Y., wrote a paper, "Feminists and Conservative Women: From the Time of ERA to the Present," which was selected as one of two runners-up in Pi Sigma Alpha's Best Undergraduate Paper competition for 1998.

Her paper was part of an honors program she completed under the direction of Stephen J. Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science. Ms. Daugherty, who graduated magna cum laude, is now on the minority staff of the United States Senate Finance Committee.

Emeritus Status Awarded to Three Professors

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At Commencement three faculty members were awarded emeritus status by the College's Board of Visitors. Dr. Donald E. Glover and Dr. Richard E. Hansen each were named distinguished professor emeritus of English. Dr. Paul C. Muick was named professor emeritus of art. Emeritus status is granted by the Board of Visitors to senior members of the faculty upon their retirement from the College.

Donald E. Glover

Dr. Glover began teaching English at Mary Washington College in 1961. He received his bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary and his master's and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Virginia. He spent a year studying in Australia at the University of Adelaide on a Fulbright Scholarship.

In addition to his teaching career at Mary Washington College, he was the founding director of the master of arts in liberal studies program and was instrumental in establishing the College's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. His area of scholarship has been the works of Bret Harte and C.S. Lewis. His teaching ability was recognized in 1976 by his selection for the Grellet C. Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. This past spring, Dr. Glover's contribution to the development of the College's graduate program was honored by the establishment of the Donald E. Glover Award. The award will recognize the outstanding final project completed by a graduate in the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

Richard E. Hansen

Having earned his bachelor's degree in economics and both his master's and doctor of philosophy degrees in English — all from Duke University — Dr. Hansen joined the faculty of Mary Washington College in 1966 following service in the U.S. Navy. He served the College in a wide range of major positions, including department chair twice, director of the 1990 institutional self-study, interim dean of the faculty, member of the Faculty Senate of Virginia and faculty representative to the MWC Alumni Board of Directors. In addition, he served on approximately 40 other College committees during his tenure.

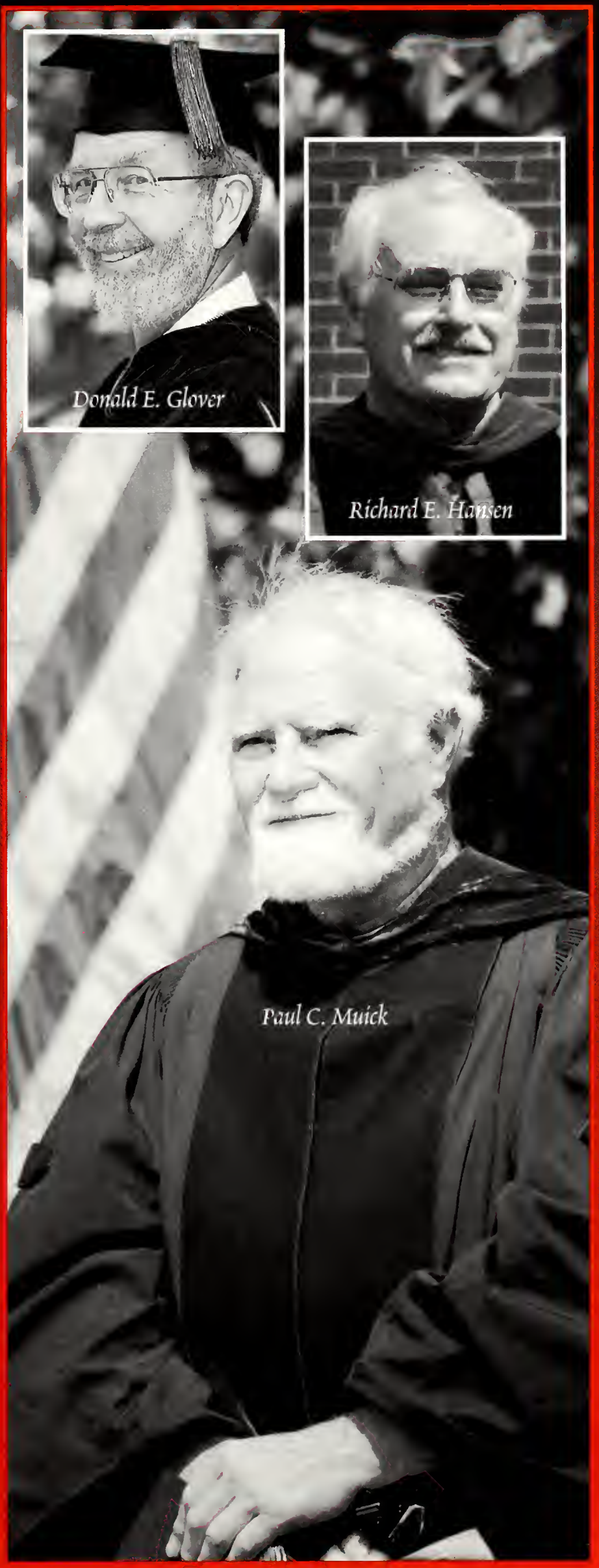
Paul C. Muick

After receiving his bachelor of fine arts degree in art history and sculpture from Ohio State University and his master's degree in art history from the University of Chicago, Paul Muick returned to Ohio State, where he earned his doctorate in art history and sculpture.

From 1960 to 1962 he studied bronze casting at the Academy of Fine Arts in Munich, with a grant from the German government. From 1962 to 1964 he studied at the Institute of Fine Arts in West Berlin. Joining the faculty of Mary Washington College in 1964, he has since traveled widely in the development of his professional interest, including visits to Spain, Portugal, Israel, China, Japan, Egypt and Mexico. His sculpture has been exhibited at a number of venues, including the Capitol Hill Art League in Washington, D.C., and the Sculpture Center in New York City, as well as the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, where he presented a one-man show in 1975. This year the College featured his sculpture in a retrospective exhibition of his work.

Donald E. Glover

Richard E. Hansen



Paul C. Muick

Reunion '98

Some excerpts from Class Notes help to recapture a great reunion.

Classmates get reacquainted and reconnected at Saturday's reunion picnic.

The picnic is always one of the most enjoyable events.

Class of 1948 50-Year Reunion

What a wonderful weekend we had at reunion, and … we all survived the heat of a typical Virginia summer day. It truly was spectacular! The Alumni Association had done everything expected and unexpected to provide us with a memorable feast of friends, food, fun, fine weather and all attendant frills. Most of us recognized each other without needing the identifying 1948 Battlefield photo badges, and it was easy to pick up where we left off, providing lots of non-stop conversation.

On Friday there was a lovely champagne reception especially for us "golden girls," followed by a larger party at beautiful Brompton, so handsome in its summer foliage. At our Saturday picnic, we sat in the Palmieri Plaza area at tables marked specifically for us, and then headed to Ball. … Among those present [at our class party] were Drs. Dodd and Alvey, such great sports to come out in the heat to be with us. It was so very touching for each of us to be with them again. Sarah Armstrong Worman presented them with gold-wrapped gifts from the class and had awards for the woman with the most children and the most grandchildren. …

This is just the tip of the iceberg. There were so many people I didn't get to talk with, or else I didn't take notes,

so forgot the details. If you weren't there, you were missed, and for those of you who came, I do think you must have left with as good a feeling as I did. If our professors are as good as our architects, landscapers, and Alumni Association, we'd better hope our grandchildren, nieces and nephews get in!

Bette Worsham Hawkins '48

Class of 1953 45-Year Reunion

Our 45th! We strolled the beautiful campus, visited old dorm rooms, talked, laughed, remembered. … With her usual aplomb, Peggy Hopkins Johnson planned our class party at Westmoreland Hall and hosted the class hospitality room to perfection. When our allotted time was over, Peggy held the continuation of our party at a local clubhouse. Betsy Dickinson Surles gave Peggy a helping hand and also gave every member of the class in attendance a '53 Devil's mug as a remembrance of our reunion. Betsy made the mugs herself. As editor of the reunion booklet, Kathryn "Kitty" Garland Obenshain gave us an outstanding product and souvenir, so outstanding that we elected her in absentia to be editor again for our 50th reunion. (Hope she's still speaking to us!). … Most of the 30+ attendees expressed similar thoughts and feelings about our gathering at this time in our lives. Here are a few that cover the sentiments.

Mary Lou Dodge: "The older we get, the better it gets — it's like the last 45 years didn't exist, but the trees are 45 years bigger."

Barbara Hamilton Fraley: "It's wonderful to be here at MWC. The campus is so beautiful. The ladies all look great. I'm impressed with the new buildings."

June Christian Tuttle: "Mary Washington is still the most beautiful college. Though the years have passed and customs changed, Mary Washington is still very special. What a treat to see so many of you!"

Martha Gilbert Smith: "I return to reunion at MWC because I love the College, and I realize my very best, most lovable friends are here."

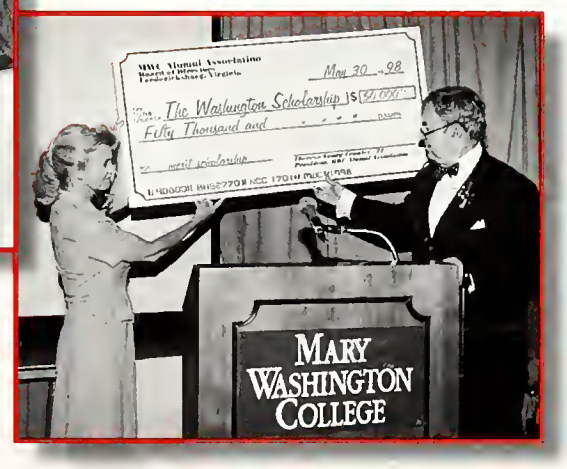
Nancy Melton Miller: "Advil, teeny pumps that fit, air conditioning and good friends — doesn't get much better — and being at MWC with classmates is such a gift!"

Barbara Faxon Stout '53
Charlotte Benz Villalobos '53

Pam Tompkins Huggins '68, right, (designated by her classmates as the REAL May Queen) makes an emphatic point during her class party.

A reception hosted by the MWC Foundation Board of Directors honored those classes with the highest giving and participation totals in the annual fund.

Catching up always brings smiles.



Outgoing Alumni Association President Terrie Young Crawley '77 presented Dr. Anderson with a check representing the Alumni Association's gift of $50,000 as seed money toward the College's first merit-based full scholarship.

Class of 1963 35-Year Reunion

As I write this, just two weeks have passed since our reunion at MWC. The 24 of us who were there had a grand time, but wish more of you had been able to join us. Sally Abbott Pomputius brought along a friend from Springfield, Ohio, who had such a good time she said *she'd* be back for the 40th!

Barbara "Linkey" Booth Green '63

ALUMNI AWARDS

BY CYNTHIA SYNDER '75

Linda Todd "Toddy" Puller '67

Lois Saunier Hornsby '48

Each year during Reunion Weekend festivities, the Alumni Association honors the recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Mary Washington College Service Award. Awards chair Maureen Murphy McCart '68 presented the awards to two outstanding alumnae during this year's reunion banquet.

Linda Todd "Toddy" Puller '67 was named Distinguished Alumnus for 1997. Elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1991 from the 44th district, which is located in the southeast corner of Fairfax County, she is MWC's first alumna to serve in the state legislature. She was also appointed to the state Board of Veterans' Affairs by former Governor George Allen. Delegate Puller serves on five House committees, including Finance, Education, Conservation and Natural Resources, Transportation, and Interstate Cooperation. She serves as vice chair of the Commission on Family Violence Prevention and is also a member of the Commission on the Future of Public Education.

In nominating Puller for this award, Donna Sheehan Gladis '68 noted, "Toddy Puller has made significant contributions to her family, her community, and her constituents despite extraordinary adversity. She has touched the lives of many people and continues to improve the quality of life for all Virginians." Her late husband, Lewis Puller Jr., was severely wounded in Vietnam and endured several years of surgeries, rehabilitation, drug and alcohol dependency, and depression before ending his life four years ago. In October 1997, Toddy Puller suffered a cerebral hemorrhage three weeks before election day. She nonetheless won re-election by a large majority and underwent physical therapy in the ensuing months. She was back in Richmond on January 14 when the General Assembly convened.

A longtime advocate for children and education, Puller serves on the Route One Corridor Housing Board of Trustees and the Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation. She has also served on the Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Problems, the Board for the Virginia Department for Children, and the Board for the Campagna Center for Women and Families.

The Mary Washington College Service Award, established by the Alumni Association in 1984, recognizes continuous service to the College and/or the Alumni Association. This year's honoree, Lois Saunier Hornsby '48, has been actively engaged in service to Mary Washington as well as in her own community. A resident of Williamsburg, she has long been active in Peninsula Chapter alumni activities. She is a member of the President's Council and the Heritage Society, as coordinator of the 45th reunion of her class in 1993 and as coordinator of this year's 50th reunion class gift.

Hornsby has been recognized in her own community as Hampton Roads Volunteer of the Year, and she received the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Service Award from the College of William and Mary. The Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads for Service to the Arts presented an award to her as well. Hornsby says, "Any honor I receive is an honor to Mary Washington."

At the reunion banquet the Alumni Association also saluted several retiring faculty members. President Theresa Young Crawley '77 bestowed honorary alumnus status on Richard E. Hansen, distinguished professor emeritus of English, and Paul C. Muick, professor emeritus of art. Also honored but unable to be present were Donald E. Glover, distinguished professor emeritus of English, and Gano S. Evans, professor of business administration.

Cynthia Synder '75 is director of alumni relations at MWC.

HALL OF FAME

1988 NCAA Champion Women's Tennis Team

Ten years after winning the first NCAA National Championship at Mary Washington College, the Eagles' 1988 women's tennis team will be inducted into the MWC Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend this October.

Head coach Dr. Edward H. Hegmann and his 11-player contingent will be inducted as the second-ever Hall of Fame team, joining Hegmann's 1982 AIAW National Championship women's tennis team, which was inducted in 1996. Players will be recognized at the third annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, which kicks off MWC's Homecoming Weekend.

The 1988 team, which finished with an incredible 33-1 overall record, won 20 matches with perfect 9-0 match scores, and closed with a 19-0 mark against Division III schools. The members of the team include Mary Beth Begley, Christy Copper, Suzie Groah, Cami Johnson, Mitzi Kimball, Noelle Labar, Stephanie Nyers, Sue Roberts, Dawn Schiller, Sonya Snider and Lynne Yankosky. Hegmann, now in his 23rd season as head coach and athletic director at MWC, has had teams win National Championships in 1982, 1988 and 1991.

The National Championship team reeled off 24 straight wins, including all 15 matches they played in the fall season. Included in that number were victories over division foes Georgetown University, Howard University, Radford University, American University and George Mason University. As the spring semester heated up, so did the Eagles, as they won their first nine matches before falling at Georgetown, 5-4. Rather than causing despair, the loss ignited MWC, as the team went on to win its final nine matches, including three in the NCAA Division III National Championships in Atlanta, Ga.

In the opening round of the National Championships, the Eagles took on Hope (Mich.) College, and emerged with a 5-4 victory. Labar, Kimball, Copper and Schiller won at singles, while Groah and Begley teamed for a doubles win. The Eagles then faced Franklin & Marshall College in the semifinals, and defeated the Presidents, 5-1 in singles action. With that win, the Eagles advanced to the Championship match, and defeated Kenyon College by a score of 7-2. The Eagles swept all three doubles matches, and had Labar, Groah, Copper and Begley pick up singles victories.

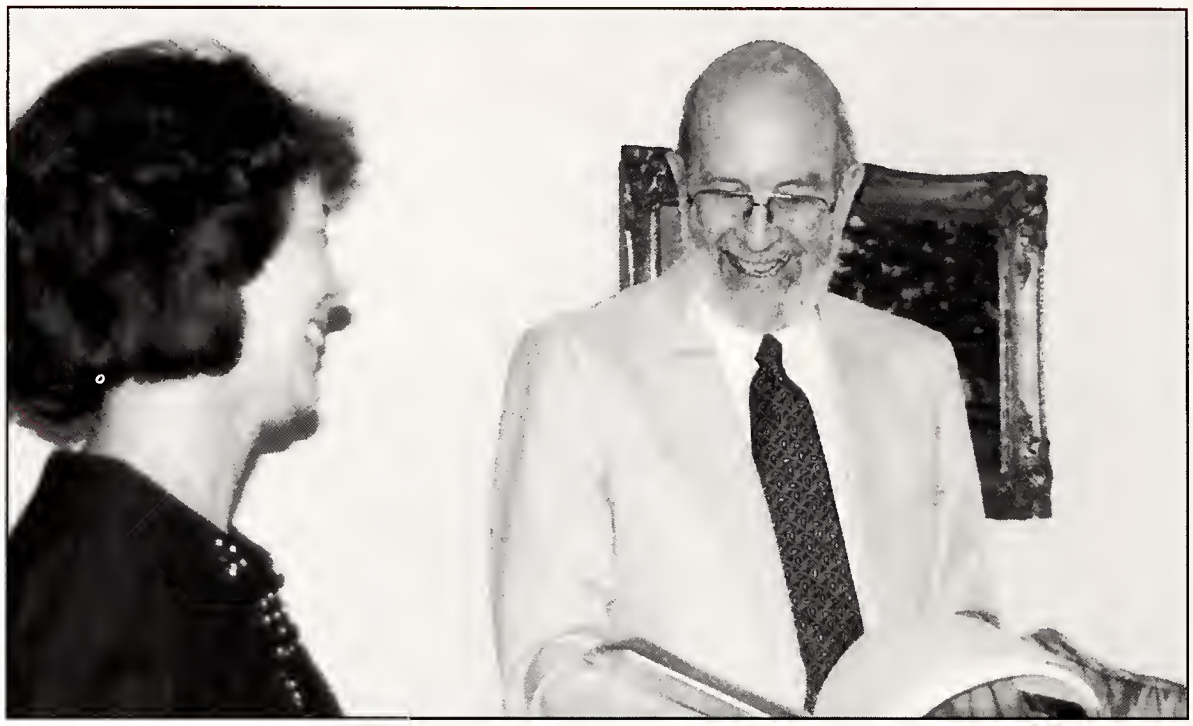
The team will be presented with plaques at the banquet, and a special induction plaque will be displayed in the Hall of Fame Room in Goolrick Gymnasium, which houses the plaques of other MWC Hall of Famers.

Coach Ed Hegmann and the 1988 women's tennis team

INDUCTEES

M.A.L.S.

Master's Program Honors Dr. Glover



Dr. Claudine Ferrell, director of the M.A.L.S. program, shares a light moment with Dr. Glover at the reception where the new award established in his honor was presented to Kevin John Kelley '98.

KATHRYN R. WILLIS '70

The Computer Criminal. Spiritual Anguish in Michaelangelo's Poetry. Watergate. Whole Language Classrooms. Chaos Theory.

These topics are but a few of the inquiries that adult students have pursued in the Master of Liberal Studies program at Mary Washington College. Such remarkable diversity and solid scholarship are exactly what Dr. Donald Glover had in mind when, 18 years ago, he was instrumental in beginning the M.A.L.S. program at the College.

To honor Dr. Glover for his sustained support, an award has been initiated in recognition of excellence in such independent inquiry. The Donald E. Glover Award for Outstanding M.A.L.S. Project will be given each year to the adult student whose final project is superior.

"It's a fitting recognition of Dr. Glover, because he himself has served as a remarkable role model for life-long learning," comments Dr. Meta Braymer, dean of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies. "Don Glover's curiosity has extended across disciplines and decades, and his insight in guiding the program for adult students has been invaluable."

"I was one of several faculty members who wanted the College to offer an interdisciplinary master's program," recalls Dr. Glover. "The M.A.L.S. curriculum capitalizes on team-teaching and across-the-disciplines study of ideas which shaped Western thought." Dr. Glover observed, "Nationally, we are known as innovators offering a model program. That's high praise, and the credit must go to our outstanding faculty, as well as to our energetic, gifted students."

Kevin John Kelley '98, received the Glover Award for his final M.A.L.S. project.

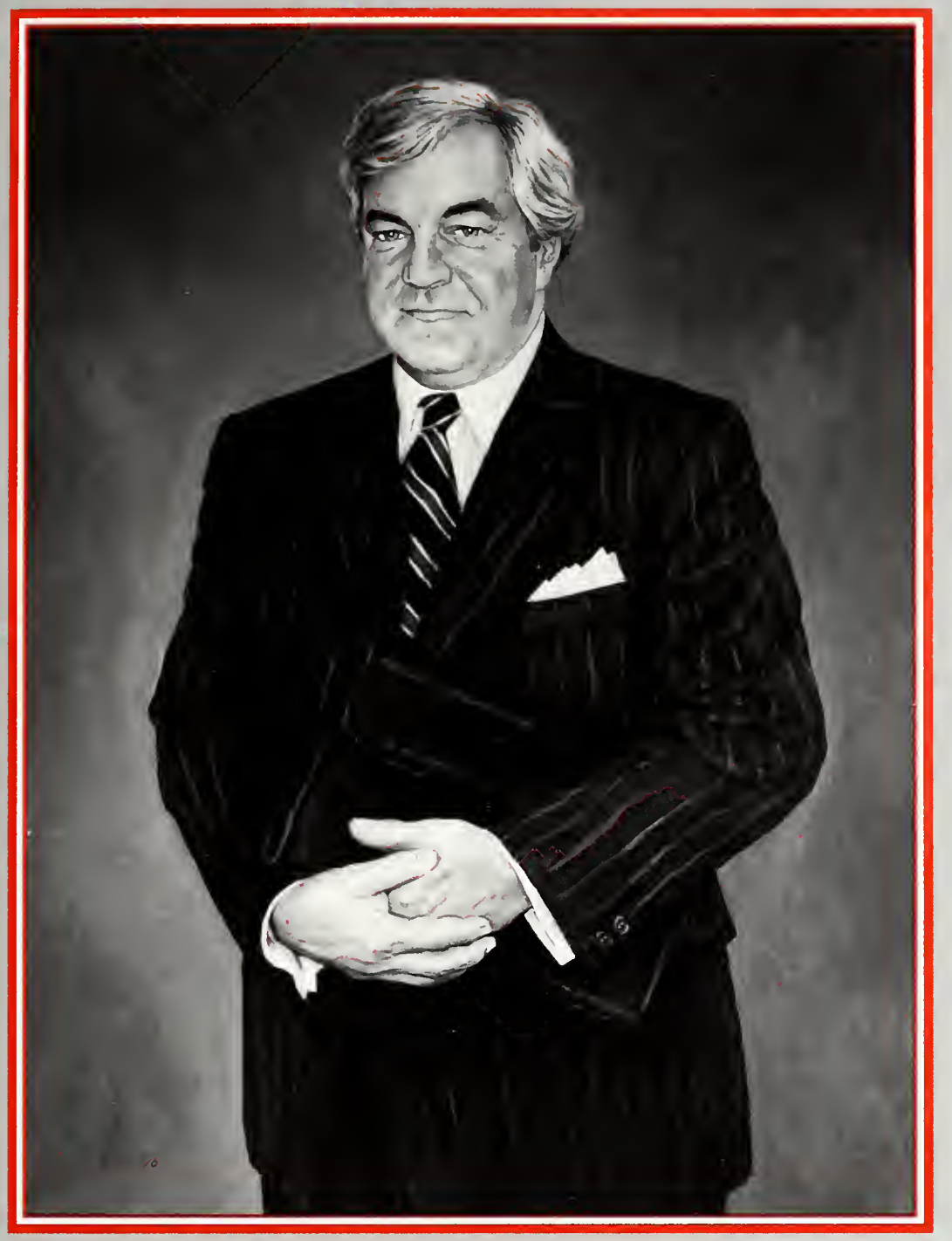
The first Glover award was presented at Convocation this past May to Kevin John Kelley, whose M.A.L.S. final project, "Wellington: Master of Terrain," helped develop his long-time fascination with the logistics of land advancement that Wellington employed in his pursuit of Napoleon.

Kelley, a retired naval commander who now serves as a war-fighting analyst with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, said, "I've been interested in military history since I was a boy, and actually discovered my interest about Wellington from reading about Napoleon. I wanted to find out more about the man who beat him in the end."

Like many of the adult students who enroll in the M.A.L.S. program, Kelley said that the M.A.L.S. approach answered his needs because "I wanted to broaden my point of view. My military career has been rewarding, but it is a very specialized way of life. With the M.A.L.S. program, I took courses that I'd never have looked at, and really enjoyed them. The adult students in the classroom provided me with invaluable new ways of looking at things."

The Master of Liberal Arts degree, now in its 19th year, shows promise of fulfilling the multi-disciplined inquiries of many future adult students. The award that Dr. Glover has inspired marks the first decade of the flourishing program, and serves as a permanent tribute to the foresight and enthusiasm that he has brought in contributing to its success.

Kathryn R. Willis '70 is director of marketing for the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies at MWC.



President Anderson's Portrait Unveiled

Last April, during the memorable week MWC celebrated the ribbon cutting for the Jepson Science Center, the dedication of V. Earl Dickinson Stadium, and the Stafford campus groundbreaking, a small group gathered at Brompton for one more delightful occasion.

During the Board of Visitors' dinner meeting that week, the official portrait of President Anderson was unveiled — an event especially fitting as we will soon mark Dr. Anderson's 15th year as president of MWC.

The painting is by Louis Briel, a Virginia artist who specializes in corporate and institutional portraits, and who has captured on canvas other notables such as tennis star Arthur Ashe and Dr. Percy Wootton, president of the American Medical Association.

MWC Center for Historic Preservation Announces 1998 Book Prize Winner

The Center for Historic Preservation at Mary Washington College has awarded the Historic Preservation Book Prize for 1998 to *Shadowed Ground: America's Landscapes of Violence and Tragedy* by Kenneth E. Foote, associate professor of geography at The University of Texas at Austin. The book is published by The University of Texas Press.

The Historic Preservation Book Prize is awarded each year to the book that has made the most significant contribution to the historic preservation movement in the United States, as determined by a jury of professionals.

First awarded in 1989, the prize consists of a certificate and cash award to the author or editor, a certificate to the publisher, and an invitation to the author to lecture at the Mary Washington College Center for Historic Preservation.

In making its award, the jury found that *Shadowed Ground* presented a powerful analysis of how and why American society has chosen to remember — or to forget — the violence and tragedy symbolized by the landscapes where important American events and battles have occurred.

Psychology Students Excel Again

Thirty MWC psychology students and nine members of the Psychology Department presented nine research projects at the Virginia Psychological Association convention this past spring. The only two research awards given to undergraduates were won by MWC students.

The Uzi Selzer Award for Outstanding Paper in an Applied Area went to Alison Breland and Heather Williams for their paper, "Influences on Conflict Management Styles." Their adviser was Dr. Larry W. Penwell.

The Frederick Rowe Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Paper went to Rebecca Abramson, Elizabeth Bean, Megan Chiasson, Erin Higgins and Heather Settle for their paper, "Just the Facts Ma'am: Can Verbal Descriptions Improve Face Identification." Their adviser was Dr. Steve R. Hampton.

From left: Joseph Di Bella, chair, professor of art and art history; Sara Crowder, graphic artist; Daniel Dervin, professor emeritus of English; Melissa Pelletier, graphic artist assistant; Cheryl Page, Document Center/Design Services manager; Carolyn Taylor, director, auxiliary services.

MWC Press

"Let's see if we can do it —"

That's what Carolyn Taylor, director of auxiliary services, said when she realized the College had everything it needed to publish a book.

The Mary Washington College Press came into being this year, when, as Taylor puts it, "Everything came together to make it happen."

Taylor's supervision of disparate segments of College services allowed her to pursue the goal of book publishing without stepping out into an area foreign to her. She's been in charge of the College Bookstore for many years, so she knew about book sales and distribution; she oversees the Document Center, so she was up on existing technology in design and printing.

Therefore, when Professor of English Dan Dervin walked into her office one day last year, manuscript in hand, Taylor was confronted with the possibility that the day of an MWC publishing venture (an idea long in the back of her mind) — might be dawning. Dervin expressed the desire to publish some of his work, but, says Taylor, "He saw the task of engaging an agent, finding a suitable editor and publishing house as overwhelming."

"I don't even want to discuss this with you if you don't have a sense of humor," she told Professor Dervin. "No problem," was the reply. Then he suggested an idea long in the back of *his* mind; that Joe Di Bella, professor of art, illustrate the book.

When Taylor took the manuscript to Design Services in the MWC Document Center, it was stapled together and looked nothing like what it would become eight months later: *Home is Another Country*, a 202-page, perfect-bound book of short stories, written and illustrated by two Mary Washington faculty members — the first book published by the new Mary Washington College Press.

The 12 short stories in Dervin's book outline the human life cycle as a calendar year, describing its progression as months and seasons: the innocent springtime of childhood, the exuberant summertime of adolescence, the maturing autumn of adulthood.

Dr. Dervin taught English for 30 years at MWC before his retirement in 1997, and has written numerous scholarly books and articles. Professor Di Bella is chair of the Department of Art and Art History, whose work has been exhibited regionally and nationally and has appeared in art magazines nationwide.

The actual "printing" of 700 copies of *Home is Another Country* was done on a Docutech by Printing Services Inc., of Richmond, Va. But everything else was done on campus: writing, Dervin; editing, Taylor; illustrating, Di Bella; typesetting, student Melissa Pelletier '01; scanning, Sara Crowder; bidding, Cheryl Page.

Use of a Docutech holds the cost of publishing down, because it uses a high-quality duplicating procedure. Pick up an academic book done on an off-set printing press, and you'll discover it costs $59, or $69, or $89, explains Taylor. Because of such a price, sales are small, and the audience is limited. How do you give faculty a chance to publish less-than-mainstream titles and offer such publications in a student's price range? Sell a book for $9.95 — which is what this one costs.

You can place your orders through the College Bookstore at (540) 654-1017 or www.edu/bookstore. Or see ordering instructions on the inside back cover of this magazine.

Mary Sue Terry (left) and Meta Braymer

MWC to Host Fifth Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women

Glass ceilings are looking less formidable these days, thanks to the leadership of a dynamic team of women professionals. Dr. Meta Braymer, dean of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies at the College, greeted former state attorney general Mary Sue Terry, who served as a featured speaker at the 1997 Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women.

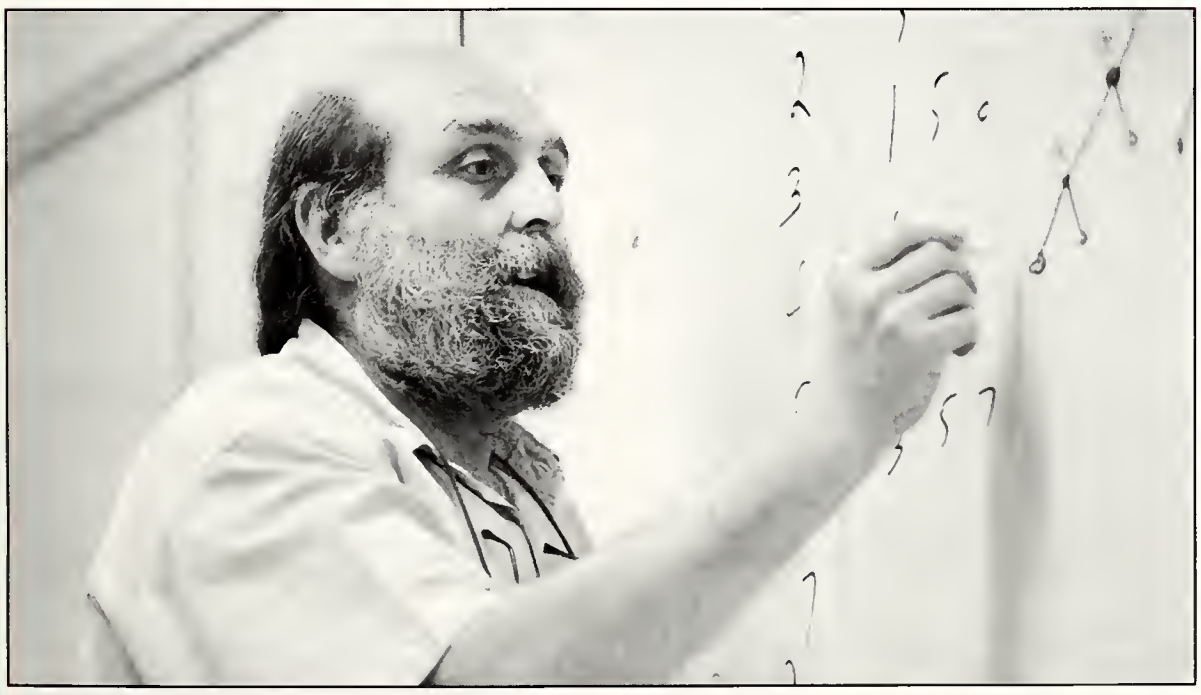
1998 marks the fifth year that MWC will host the colloquium. Scheduled this fall for Thursday and Friday, November 6 and 7, the colloquium offers workshops and lectures aimed at building professional effectiveness. Dynamic women leaders in business, education and government will share their ideas and offer their insight in career path directions with professional women from around the state. If you would like to be among them in November, please contact the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, (540) 654-1038.

David Ayersman, shown here in class, is the organizer of the Faculty Academy.

Mary Washington College Hosts Faculty Academy

Mary Washington College hosted its third annual Faculty Academy May 20-22 on campus. The conference, which is offered free to professional educators, provides an opportunity to share and learn new teaching practices involving instructional technology.

The Academy offered 41 sessions and events including demonstrations, panel discussions and hands-on workshops, and featured a diverse group of presenters from various institutions, which included Mary Washington College, Elon College (N.C.), George Mason University, King's College (Pa.), Radford University, Randolph-Macon College, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Stafford County Public Schools, West Virginia University and West Virginia Wesleyan College. Topics for the seminar ranged from JavaScript and the Internet to discussions of problem-solving and learning. Dr. Chris Dede of George Mason University was keynote speaker.



Ernest C. Ackermann

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Ernest C. Ackermann, professor of computer science, and Karen Hartman, reference librarian, are the co-authors of the book, *Searching & Researching on the Internet & the World Wide Web*. The authors' goal is to help students and others effectively sift through the Internet for useful and timely information. Dr. Ackermann and Ms. Hartman made a presentation about their book to the Northern District meeting of Virginia Press Women this spring.

David K. Ambuel, associate professor of philosophy, received a $7,000 grant from the American Council of Learned Societies to fund research for a new course that relates to contemplative practices in an interdisciplinary setting. Dr. Ambuel will develop a course that will look at different philosophical conceptions about knowledge by intuition in both Western and Eastern traditions. The grant covered two months' research in Thailand this summer and the development of the course in the fall.

Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of philosophy and religion, participated in the 16th Annual Conference of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies held in Binghamton, N.Y. During the conference Dr. Aminrazavi chaired the session on Islamic Philosophy and presented a paper on "Suhrawardi's Philosophical Poetry." Also at the conference, Dr. Aminrazavi was a member of a plenary session on Henry Corbin and a respondent to a panel on Mulla Sadra. In addition, he has written and edited the first volume of a four-volume anthology with Seyyed Houssein Nasr of George Washington University titled *An Anthology of Philosophy in Persia.* The book will be published in the fall of 1998 by Oxford University Press.

James E. Baker, distinguished professor of music, delivered a lecture to the departments of music, religion and American studies at Ostrava University in the Czech Republic. He spoke on the topics of "Psalmnody in America from 1620 through William Billings," "What Is This Thing Called Jazz?" and "Charles Ives the Eclectic Composer." Dr. Baker also conducted two symphonies of early classical Czech composers with the university's string orchestra. In addition, he conducted the City Orchestra in Walbrzych, Poland.

Dawn S. Bowen, assistant professor of geography, presented a paper titled "Place in the Imagination: The Construction of Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville," at the annual meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers in Birmingham, Ala. The paper was published in the spring 1998 issue of the *Journal of Cultural Geography.*

At the 107th Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., April 19-25, The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented Dr. Rita M. D'Arcangelis, associate professor of computer science at Mary Washington College, with two outstanding achievement awards for designing and constructing a Web page for the NSDAR Volunteer Genealogists Committee.

Stephen J. Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science and interna-

tional affairs, presented "Generational Differences in Political Support: The Case of Congress," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C. He also presented a paper titled "Media Use and Political Support: The Implications for Political Participation" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Ill.

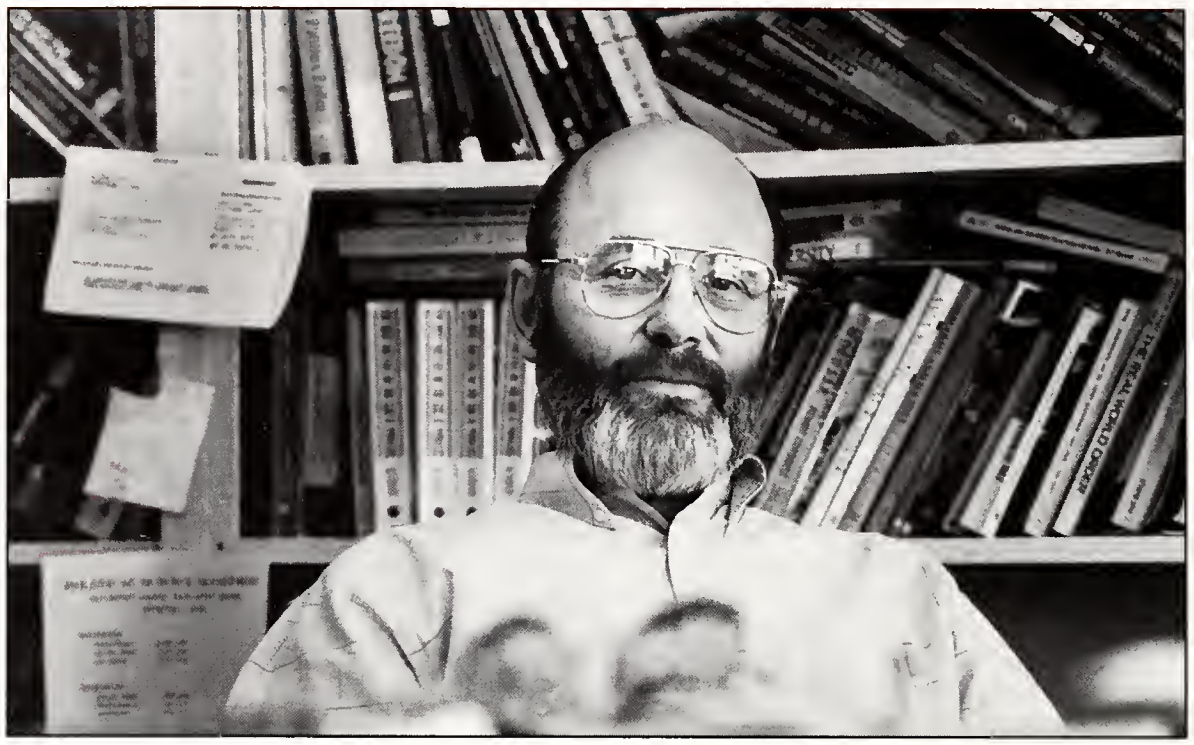
Elizabeth M. Freund, assistant professor of political science, presented "The Public Sector Under Reform: Corporatizing China's State Enterprises," at the international conference, Public Sector Management Reform in China, held in Hong Kong. Dr. Freund is also the author of a chapter in the book, *Regional Handbooks of Economic and Political Development, Vol. 1: China*. The title of the chapter is "Growing Interdependence: Economic Relations Between China and Taiwan." In addition, Dr. Freund wrote a chapter, "Downsizing China's State Industrial Enterprises," in *Adjusting to Capitalism, Chinese Workers and Their State*, edited by Greg O'Leary and published by M. E. Sharpe.

David E. Hunt, associate professor of theatre, worked with Pro-formance Lighting and Sound Inc. as an assistant technical and lighting consultant for a pregame activity at the Super Bowl in January at the San Diego Convention Center. The event was "Go West," the NFL Commissioner's and the team owners' Super Bowl party.

Debra L. Hydorn, assistant professor of mathematics, was selected to be a 1998 VA COOL (Virginia Campus Outreach Opportunity League) Faculty Fellow. This award includes a grant to identify and organize service learning projects for students in Introduction to Statistics.

Rosemary A. Ingham, director of costuming and design, traveled to Shanghai, China, as costume designer of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," produced by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's professional theatre training program. "The Taming of the Shrew" was originally performed in Milwaukee during the spring of 1997. In February Ms. Ingham returned to Milwaukee to design costumes for a production of "King Lear." This summer Ms. Ingham designed costumes for "King John" at the Utah Shakespearean Festival.

Michael J. Joyce, professor of theatre, was a visiting lecturer for a creativity workshop titled "Creative Decision-Making for Managers" at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif. The workshop was created and developed with Fredrick Davidson, professor of business administration. This has been the second year Dr. Joyce presented the workshop, and he has been invited to return next year.



John M. Kramer

Christopher T. Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology, has written an article with Daniel A. Dervin, professor emeritus of English, titled "Inaccurate Representation of the Electra Complex in Psychology Textbooks," which was published in *Teaching of Psychology*.

Margaret A. Klayton-Mi, associate professor of business administration, made a presentation on telework/telecommuting to several executives from the Toshiba electronics company of Tokyo, Japan. A telecommuting program allows workers to work from home at least one day a week. Toshiba plans to introduce a telecommuting program in Japan. Also, Dr. Klayton-Mi has been elected vice president of the International Telework Association and Council (ITAC). ITAC is a non-profit education association whose main goal is to advance the knowledge of telework and telecommuting. In addition, she made a research concept presentation titled "Technology in Marketing Education," at the 15th Annual Atlantic Coast Business and Marketing Education Conference held in Raleigh, N.C.

Janusz Konieczny, associate professor of mathematics, presented the paper, "Second Centralizers of Transformations," in the Special Session on Semigroups, Algorithms, and Universal Algebra, at the 931st meeting of the American Mathematical Society, held in Louisville, Ky.

John M. Kramer, distinguished professor of political science, presented a paper titled "Drug Abuse in Post-Communism Russia," at the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies held in Seattle, Wash. He participated as a featured speaker at a week-long conference held in Lviv, Ukraine, designed to devise initiatives to combat corruption in that country. Dr. Kramer gave talks on "Political Corruption in Post-Communism Russia: Scope, Causes, Responses" and "International Experiences in Combating Corruption" at the conference, held under the auspices of the United States Agency for International Development.

Richard J. Krickus, distinguished professor of political science and international affairs, has been awarded a $33,000 grant from a private foundation for his research on "Resolving the Kaliningrad Question." The one-year grant supports his project, which deals with foreign affairs issues that concern NATO, nuclear weapons, territorial rights and Eastern bloc Mafias.

Stephen L. Lipscomb, professor of mathematics, presented an invited colloquium talk, "The Hauptvermutung, the Reconstruction Conjecture, and Inverse Semigroups," to the Department of Mathematics at the University of Louisville.

Patricia L. Metzger, professor of business administration, presented "A Model for Learning and Leadership in the Classroom, Workplace, and the Community" at the National Conference on New Ways of Learning and Leading, sponsored by The Center for Inclusive Leadership and Social Responsibility at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hills, Mass. She presented "A Successful Structure for Adults: Self-Direction, Sharing and Service Learning," and discussed "Can the Virtual Classroom Prepare MIS Majors for the Job Market?" and "A Comparative Evaluation of Local and Distance Learning" at the Western Regional Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute in Reno, Nev. Further, Metzger presented "A Model for Making Content Relevant Using Self-Directed Learning and Student Experiences," and discussed "A Multimedia Approach to Teaching Sensitivity Analysis" at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the

Decision Sciences Institute in Lincoln, Neb. Other Metzger papers included "Fostering Adult Learning: Integrating Student Experience Into a Structured Framework" which she read at the Ninth International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Fla; "Sharing in the Global Classroom Enhances Learning" at the Second International Conference of the Asia Pacific Decision Sciences Institute in Taipei, Taiwan; and "A Model for Designing Courses in Programs Educating Adult Learners" at the National Conference on the Adult Learner in Richmond, Va.

Patricia P. Norwood, professor of music, presented the paper, "Unica Motets in the Bamberg Codex: A Mirror of the Manuscript?" at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Medieval Association in Nashville. As secretary-treasurer of the association, she also assisted with the business meeting.

Deborah A. O'Dell, associate professor of biology, presented "Regional GAP-43-like Immunoreactivity in the Adult Honey Bee Brain" at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in New Orleans.

Douglas W. Sanford, assistant professor of historic preservation, was featured on the NPR radio program, "With Good Reason," on the topic of dams on Virginia's rivers.

Thomas P. Somma, former director of the Handwerker Gallery at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y., has been named director of the Mary Washington College Galleries. A specialist in American painting and sculpture, Dr. Somma served as director of the Handwerker Gallery from 1994 to the present. He also served as an associate professor of art history at Ithaca College, where he began teaching in 1991.

Suzanne Sumner, associate professor of mathematics, wrote an article titled "Stable Periodic Behavior in Pioneer-Climax Competing Species Models with Constant Rate Forcing," published in the spring 1998 issue of *Natural Resource Modeling Journal.*

Raymond S. Tuttle, associate director of residence life and judicial affairs, presented a paper on MWC's alcohol education program at the Southeast Association of Housing Officers in Savannah, Ga. In addition, he wrote a feature on Ray Charles which was published in *Esquire* magazine. Tuttle is also a regular contributor to *Soundscapes*, "Australia's International Review of Fine Music."

Richard H. Warner, professor of history and American studies, was featured on the NPR radio program, "With Good Reason," on the topic of Russian Navy sea captain and spy, John Deane, who sunk his ship and marooned his crew off the coast of Maine in 1711.

"Forever Plaid" performers (from left): Chris Bechtler '97, Nathan Pipke '99, Andrew deFiesta and Michael Henrickson '99.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

March-April

"Crimes Against Nature," an original solo performance piece written and performed by Christopher Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology, was held in duPont Hall, Studio 115. The product of a year-long collaboration between Kilmartin and Gregg Stull, assistant professor of theatre, promotes, in a personal and humorous way, awareness of the demands of masculinity. Kilmartin and Stull's collaboration is supported by a Jepson Funds for Excellence Grant, a program that supports collaborative interdisciplinary faculty projects...Student volunteers trained at MWC assisted elderly residents and people with disabilities with tax form preparation...Mary Washington College hosted a performance of the musical comedy, "Forever Plaid," by Stuart Ross, with musical continuity supervision and arrangement by James Raitt. The performance in Lee Hall Underground was directed by senior Marc Williams...The Mary Washington College Chorus presented its spring concert...Academy Award nominee and television actor James Whitmore performed "Will Rogers' USA" in the Fredericksburg Forum...As part of the Phi Beta Kappa Associates Lectureship program, Rosemarie Tong, Thatcher professor in philosophy and medical humanities at Davidson College, presented a lecture on "Conflicting Perspectives on the Perfect Baby"...The Department of Theatre and Dance presented "The School for Wives" by Molière, translated by Ranjit Bolt. Michael Joyce, professor of theatre, directed...The Mary Washington College Galleries opened two simultaneous exhibitions: "A Vanished Egypt: Photographs of Theater People in Egypt Before the Revolution of 1952," from the collection of W. Brown Morton III, and "Cathedral Drawings" by Margaret Sutton '26. Jean Ann Dabb, associate professor of art and specialist in medieval art, curated this show...The Community Relations Committee of the Mary Washington College Student Government Association published a student service book for the local community. The book contains brief resumes of 62 Mary Washington College students advertising baby-sitting, tutoring, seasonal labor, lawn care and miscellaneous services available for hire to the community...Beth Schwartz-Kenney, associate professor of psychology at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, delivered the keynote address, "Finding Out What Children Know: Cognitive, Social and Emotional Influences," for the 13th Annual Psi Chi (Psychology) Research Symposium held at MWC...The combined choral ensembles of the College presented "Lighter Side XVI, Broadway '98."

May

The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center at Mary Washington College in conjunction with MDH Associates held a business seminar, "Selling Your Services," in which participants were taught how to successfully build profitable, long-term relationships with clients...The Leadership Institute at Mary Washington College held its inaugural seminar, "Leadership for the 21st Century."

August

The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center co-sponsored two national satellite conferences designed to help women entrepreneurs develop winning small-business strategies.

Looking Forward to Your Retirement?

Thank Bill Leighty '78 and his PIT Crews.

BY LIZ GORDON

How would you feel about a 1978 MWC Student Council President of the Day, Phi Beta Kappa graduate and one of the first promoters of the MWC radio station handling your state retirement needs?

If you're living in Virginia, you should be proud. Bill Leighty '78, director of the Virginia Retirement System, which operates Virginia's $30 billion state pensions fund covering 277,000 public employees, recently won the 1997 U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award for Outstanding Achievement (SPQA). This award recognizes organizations which have made significant improvements in productivity and quality of services and programs.

The team from SPQA, which visited VRS in February 1998, received an executive briefing, toured the information center, saw technology demonstrations, interviewed employees and heard presentations by Leighty's strategic Process Improvement Teams (PIT Crews). Leighty says it was his PIT Crews that got SPQA's attention.

Leighty's concept of brainstorming teams — called PIT Crews — got employees' attention as well, as more than half of VRS' staff volunteered to participate in a PIT Crew session. Employee suggestions included the creation of a new information center and the establishment of standards for productivity and improvements in the workplace.

"It was obvious that our employees had the experience and the answers to the problems facing them," he says. "Those teams gave us the opportunity to put good ideas into action. And everyone had an equal opportunity to serve on a team. If you were willing, we took you!"

Leighty's overall answer suggests teamwork, the same concept MWC emphasizes. "Teamwork is not just a big part of the award, but is the essence of any successful endeavor," he says. "We have one employee for every 1,500 members. We have to work together or we would quickly be overwhelmed. Cross-communication put forth great ideas for improvement as well as ideas concerning reducing turn-around time and improving quality by establishing standards."

Leighty's agency trained employees in the use of grammar and other effective communication skills. In the VRS workplace, he bought new copiers and chairs. "Simple," he says, "but it was what employees asked for most." Questioning state employees as to what was important to them, VRS then changed the way it did things to accommodate them.

Leighty joined VRS when it was in a time of transition. The job seemed to be a natural opportunity for him to use skills he had learned in a number of other areas. "I came on board to help the agency redefine itself. And the background I received in class [at MWC] was an important part of my general understanding of the nature of working and interpersonal relationships. I believe the breadth of my B.A. helps me every day."

Leighty accepted the award presented in Richmond at the annual SPQA celebration and conference (The Virginia Forum for Excellence), then shared it the following day with all his employees, letting them know they had all earned the award with jobs done well. "VRS' mission is to provide superior service to our membership," Leighty says. "I am pleased others recognize that VRS employees are meeting this challenge."

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Among many other responsibilities during Reunion Weekend, the Ambassadors (far right) led tours of the new Jepson Science Center.

MWC Ambassadors Preparing Future Alumni

BY KAREN DUBS

The MWC Ambassadors program connects undergraduates with alumni by encouraging student involvement with College and alumni events. The group nourishes a lifetime relationship between the College and its students. Susan Wise '91, a former Ambassador and current member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, sums it up this way: "Active student volunteers become part of our alumni early and remain connected to MWC forever."

According to Cindy Snyder, director of alumni relations, the Alumni Association began the Ambassadors program several years ago to cultivate a sense of pride and tradition among students and to educate them about their role as future alumni.

The group promotes an active commitment to the College and strengthens its tradition of community. Ambassadors help to implement a wide array of events including Homecoming, Reunion Weekend, Distinguished Graduate in Residence, the Fredericksburg Forum, Executive-in-Residence, Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra concerts, and first-year student move-in and orientation.

"The MWC Ambassadors support the College's purposes and goals. Their dedication and enthusiasm is invaluable to the success of so many events," says Snyder. "Their participation in these activities creates an essential connection between the past and the present here at Mary Washington."

This connection becomes very clear during Reunion Weekend. Many Ambassadors, such as Erika Giaimo '98, name Reunion Weekend as their favorite event. "Interacting with graduates from years past is such a unique and wonderful experience," says Erika.

Two years ago, the Class of 1976 was celebrating its 20th reunion. Erika had the opportunity to chat informally with a group of these alumni while working at the registration desk at Ball Hall. She recalls, "It was so interesting to hear stories of what the College was like 20 years ago. And to top it off, we suddenly realized that the year they graduated from MWC was the year I was born. We were separated by an entire generation, yet I was so comfortable with them. And, in many ways, I could see that although so much has changed at the College, the students of MWC are very much the same — committed, proud, and full of school spirit."

In addition to enjoying alumni events, Erika says that the skills and contacts she acquired as an Ambassador helped her land a job after graduation. "Having the ability to communicate and work with a variety of people, from the Board of Visitors and alumni board members to professors, staff and other students is a valuable and practical skill," says Erika. She was hired as an admissions counselor in the MWC Office of Admissions and began working there this fall.

"Erika's participation as an Ambassador had a definite and positive affect on our choice in hiring her," confirms Melissa Wheat, assistant dean of admissions at MWC. "Because of the excellent communication skills and wonderful references she acquired through her activities as an Ambassador, she stood out as an ideal candidate for the job."

Karen Dubs is director of marketing for college advancement.

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Message from the President of the Alumni Association

As I began thinking about this message, I was amazed by the scope of the Alumni Association's contributions to MWC. I wanted to begin by reminding us all of the significance of our organization to current students, faculty, alumni and the community.

While we continue to work on the Washington Scholars program, we annually award other scholarships as well: the Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship, and the Grellet C. Simpson and Barbara Alden International Scholarships.

We participate in both Convocation and Commencement by honoring graduating seniors with the Alumni Award and the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Distinguished Graduate Award, and a new faculty member with the MWCAA Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award.

At Reunion Weekend we recognize outstanding alumni with the Distinguished Alumnus Award, the MWC Service Award, and the Young Alumnus Merit Award. Homecoming has also taken on new significance as the occasion of the five-year reunion.

We host receptions following Ring Presentation and the Senior Toast. We sponsor the Ambassador program, allowing current students to start their alumni volunteer experience well before graduation.

We started the Distinguished Graduate in Residence Program to showcase alumni to students and the community. We also plan many regional programs, support chapter events, and organize special events for the Golden Society, our 50-year graduates.

We report on alumni activities at each of the Board of Visitors and Foundation Board meetings. Each year, we present a slate of nominations to the Governor's Office for Board of Visitor appointments.

We certainly have a full agenda but couldn't do any of this without the hard work of Cindy Snyder '75, director of alumni relations; Jennifer Wilson Watson '97, assistant director of alumni relations; and Gia Heffernan, alumni relations secretary.

We are pleased to announce the completion of our latest project: a long-awaited Alumni Relations link to the MWC Web site. Take a few minutes to check it out. Just go to www.mwc.edu and click on "alumni." Meet the other board members, find out about upcoming events, and keep us updated with your address and career changes.

On behalf of the board of directors, we look forward to improving the programs we do best and investigating new ideas. We are committed to this effort, but we ask that, in return, you stay involved and informed. Keep up with the legislative events that can affect Mary Washington College. Send in nominations or resumes for the various awards, programs, and Board of Visitor appointments. Participate in regional events, respond to your class agents, attend Reunion and Homecoming, and support the alumni fund.

Tara C. Corrigall '82
President, MWC Alumni Association

If You Have Remembered Mary Washington College, Please Allow Us to Recognize You!

Many generous alumni and friends remember Mary Washington College through their estate plans. Whether it's through a bequest, a paid life insurance policy, a charitable remainder trust, or some other estate planning vehicle, Mary Washington benefits from the thoughtfulness of these individuals. Frequently, alumni and friends will let us know of their plans, which allows us to say thank-you *today* to the very people who will be helping us make *tomorrow* a reality for the talented students who attend the College.

If you've remembered Mary Washington College in your estate plans, we would be honored to include you as a member of the Heritage Society — a growing group of dedicated individuals who have MWC's future in their hearts.

Please contact Valerie Schultheiss Kuramoto, director of planned and leadership giving, if you'd like to let us know of your plans, or if you have questions about how you can include Mary Washington in your estate plans. You can reach Valerie at:

(540)654-2061
Mary Washington College Foundation
P.O. Box 1908
Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1908

Awards Committee Seeks Nominees

The Alumni Awards Committee continually seeks nominations for the following honors: Distinguished Alumnus Award, Mary Washington College Service Award and Young Alumnus Merit Award. Please send us the names of accomplished alumni who deserve recognition for professional achievement, civic contributions, or endeavors in creative arts or sciences.

Submit recommendations to: Office of Alumni Relations, MWC, P.O. Box 1315, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1315.

Class Notes

Devil and Goat Notes

1931

Katheryn Gallagher Spirito
1625 Marconi Road
Wall, NJ 07719

1932

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P.O. Box 1315
Fredericksburg, VA 22402

1933

Isebelle Page Burden
8522 Hanford Drive
Richmond, VA 23229

Alma Murchison
1412 Beal St.
Rocky Mt., NC 27804

1934

Office of Alumni Programs
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1935

Office of Alumni Programs
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Fredericksburg, VA 22402

1936

Ethel Nelson Wetmore
107 Manteo Ave.
Hampton, VA 23661

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of our deceased classmate, **Mary Mason**.

Page Whitehead Hladky keeps busy with volunteering; going to Amherst, where she lived for 20 years; and working in a thrift shop. Page was in England for three weeks visiting her son and his family for Easter 1997. Her grandson, Robert, is a junior at Oxford U.; Andrew is a freshman at New Castle College; and Katie is in high school.

Audrey Rose Burton wrote on her Christmas card that she still can't drive or walk very far. She likes living where she is and has help getting her groceries. Pharmacies deliver, and transportation to the doctors is furnished. Her retirement home is in Clearwater, Fla.

I keep in touch with **Louise Jennings Creamer**. Her daughter, Sally, lives in Lynchburg, not far from Louise. Sally recently visited her brother, Bob, and his wife in Palo Alto, Calif., and sister Judith and her husband in San Francisco.

Adelle Mansfield Goodwin is now a great-grandmother. Her grandson is the fifth generation of John Goodwins. Adelle is well and calls her cane her "third leg."

Edna Harley Sickels wrote that their winter is the desert's "spring" season. After four months of blasting heat, people and plants are coming back to life. Her daughter and grandson visited her for Christmas.

Mary Frances Rowe Varner now has a black cat, since her 17-year-old poodle died. She had a great trip to Ireland with a Sweet Briar group. They spent most of the two weeks in the country, where they were entertained in private houses, thus having the chance to meet the local gentry and eat lots of salmon. They spent three days in Dublin and enjoyed the usual sights — Trinity College, the Cathedral, and the Abbey Theatre, where they saw a play. Mary Frances went to Wilmington, N.C., to hear her grandson, Emory, 13, play his viola in a string quartet. A group of her friends made their annual Thanksgiving visit to Chincoteague, where they saw thousands of snow geese and many other birds at the Assateague Refuge, and ate lots of oysters.

Mary Alice Turman Carper wrote that her sister, **Lillie Turman**, is beginning to have limitations from 91 years of living. Her doctor assures her that she is in unusually good physical condition for her age. Mary Alice is beginning to curtail her outside activities so that she will have more time to pamper herself.

Vernie Blankinship Knight and husband Bus have moved to Goodwin House, a retirement home in Alexandria. Their Richmond grandchildren, sons of John and his wife, worked with a church group on housing for the poor. Matthew is an Echols Scholar at U.Va., and William works after school in a retirement home and has his own band — he plays the guitar. Vernie writes: "Always greet strangers in church. I turned to pass the peace with a couple I did not know and welcomed them after church, only to find they were the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Carey!"

Dorothy Bevard Owen '37 sent me a Christmas card with the news that **Virginia "Gina" Richardson Parker** '37 and her husband live at Cedarville, a retirement home in Richmond where Dorothy lives. They also have a home in Florida and stay there much of the time.

The annual luncheon for the Tidewater, Peninsula and Colgate chapters, MWC alumni, was held January 10 at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. The speaker was Paul A. Dresser Jr., rector, MWC Board of Visitors. **Dorothy McGuire Bunch** and I were there from our class.

I recently typed my friend Jean Morton's reminiscences of some of her days at Greenbrier College, W.Va., in 1939-1943. It made me think again of my years at F.S.T.C., and I look back with much thankfulness for the privilege of being a student there. I taught for one year at Lincoln High School and lived in Purcellville, Northern Virginia. My best friend was Geraldine Potts, the home economics teacher. Jerry had sent me a newspaper article, so I knew that her daughter, **Roberta "Robbie" James East** '66 and her husband operate a flower farm called "Field of Flowers" near Purcellville. Visitors are armed with cutting shears, insect spray, and water-filled jars and they gather cut-your-own flowers. In the May 1998 issue of *Southern Living* magazine, there is a lovely picture of Robbie collecting some of the daisies she grows. She said: "City people really enjoy this. It is therapeutic." The field full of flowers is framed by the Blue Ridge Mountains. This brings back memories of when we gathered daisies to make the daisy chains at graduation time.

1937

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1938

Helen Pressley Voris
6086 Old Lawyers Hill Road
Elk Ridge, MD 21075

1939

Nancy Herr Fallen
5803-A Willow Oaks Drive
Richmond, VA 23225-2455

News of our classmates is scarce at this time because only one member wrote. With the deadline too close for comfort, I took to the phone.

Ruby Mallory Gibson was the angel who wrote a long interesting letter. She enjoys traveling with her local AARP group. She had returned from Montreal and Quebec and was planning a trip to Myrtle Beach. She's a gardener, works actively in her church and takes great pride in the accomplishments of her grandchildren. I did not know until she wrote that the Jackson family, kidnapped years ago, were members of her family. Some of you will remember that awful tragedy.

I caught **Eulalia Bowling Damron** in bed with the flu, but we talked briefly anyway. She said she still has all her parts except her tonsils! She and her husband have help with the yard and housecleaning. Her daughter lives near-by and helps if there is sickness. Eulalia rarely gets to Fredericksburg, which was her hometown.

Mary Williamson Bowles Hartley and I visited for an hour by phone comparing everyday activities, medicines and physical nuisances. She was preparing for cataract surgery and afterwards being able to return to working crossword puzzles and reading with more ease. She would like very much to hear from her MWC friends.

Because she was a transfer student, **Varina Britt Coleman** feels that she missed some of the ties with MWC that others of us feel. However, I remember her well and enjoyed talking with her. She, too, has a daughter living close to her. Her health is good, and she stays busy with church work. Also, she enjoys her pets, two dogs and two cats.

By the time you receive this report, it will be less than a year before our 60th Reunion celebrating our years at MWC. It will be the first weekend in June 1999. Plan now to attend. I hope to see you there.

1940

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1941

Meliscent Graeff Smith
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Newtown, PA 18940-1697

It looks like my suggestion to call me has paid

off. I hope it continues.

Arabelle Laws Arrington is busy, as usual. She went with President Anderson, Rita Stone and Louise Ashby to the State Legislature on College business. She also attended the groundbreaking for the new MWC campus. She and her husband have reduced their property by selling to Wal-Mart and donating 20 acres to Fauquier County for a new school.

Raynell Goodman Lantor called to fill us in on her life and family. She has three children and several grandchildren. She taught for 17 years — social studies. She had been, at one time, mayor of South Boston, and also on the Board of Visitors of U.Va. Now she keeps up with her family and friends and does aerobics. She added that **Jeanette Cooper Greenberger** is very busy caring for her ill husband.

A lovely letter came from **Norma Lee Dickinson Walker**. She and her husband, Carl, are celebrating their 75th anniversary. They have two sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Norma Lee taught for 25 years in Fredericksburg and had many student teachers from MWC. She enjoys counted cross-stitching and gardening, as well as visiting shut-ins and the elderly, and continues working in the church.

A letter from **Myra McCormick Cole** says she's getting Texas cabin fever and hopes to get back to Virginia this year. She usually stays with **Jane McCorkindale Christenbury**, but Jane had had a knee replacement, so Myra couldn't bunk with her last year. She had talked with **Dorothy Shaw** in Buffalo, who is fine. Myra has three grandchildren, who live five doors away. She plays pick-up and deliver for them most days, enjoying them greatly. Her main entertainment is her computer, and she hopes to hear from you.

Phyllis Bancroft Meyer called from Del Ray Beach, Fla., where she and her husband reside. Their lawyer son has two children, a boy and a girl. Phyllis still works part-time selling real estate.

A letter from **Ann Jones**, who lives in Alexandria, Va., gave insight into her present life. She has retired from teaching and secretarial work. She traveled with friends to Fredericksburg for a tour of Kenmore and a nostalgic visit to MWC.

Two letters came, one from **Etta Mitchell Spivey** in Tyler, Texas, and one from **Grace Pannill Chapman** in Virginia Beach. They had been roommates but had not seen each other since graduation. Grace and her husband, Warner, had traveled to Texas for a visit with Etta. They both expressed great joy over this reunion.

Lenore Magill Grimwood called from Arizona. She is the busiest! She has been on the board of the Christian Women's Club for nine years and is now on the executive board for Interfaith Services. She and husband Max celebrated their 10th anniversary by riding the Rocky Mt. dome car to Banff. Later she went to Germany to visit her step great-granddaughter.

Evelyn Hudson Bunting wrote from Ocean City, Md. She has taught business education in high schools and also was a secretary. She has a daughter and a son. Her husband is deceased. She has traveled extensively in the United States.

Marguerite Jennings Helbush writes monthly epistles to her friends, from which I extract that she had had a gallbladder removed in January. She continued with her former vigor and was, by March, working at the AAUW Book Fair at the cash register, seated, of course. She reviewed a book for the Newcomers Book Club, David Brock's biography of Hillary Rodham Clinton. Bridge (the game) is a usual occurrence along with luncheon meetings. Polio has never stopped her.

Shirley Bortner Boyce called from Palm City, Fla., where she lives for much of the year, returning to Portsmouth, Va., in the heat of the summer. She has one daughter and two sons, as well as four grandchildren. A lovely Lhasa Apso, a Tibetan guard dog, lives with her. She laughingly recalled the radio program, when we were sophomores, on the Martian attack about which many students believed. Do *you* remember?

A lovely letter came from **Julia Moseley Wimmer**, who lives in Roanoke, Va. She and husband Jack have one daughter and four sons, as well as 11 grandchildren and three great-grandsons. Julia and her husband keep busy delivering Meals on Wheels, teaching, and with church work. Jack is an accomplished vocalist and does much solo work in the area. Julia sees her dear friend, **Aminee Jones Roberts**, often and describes Aminee as being as "cute and precious as when we were in school."

A card from **Virginia Burnett Wallace** tells that she became a great-grandmother on her own birthday three years ago. How wonderful!

Received a note from **Jamie Redwood Witzel**. She and husband Fritz are doing well and still enjoy spending warm winters in Magnolia and springs and summers in their home in New Hampshire. Their oldest daughter suffered a major stroke in February. She lives in Tacoma, Wash., with her husband and two children. Their youngest daughter is a licensed massage therapist, which has helped her sister a lot.

Also received a note from Cynthia St. Clair, the daughter of **Mary Elizabeth Werth Hill,** which brought sad news that Mary Elizabeth passed away in October 1997. Cynthia and her sisters would like to hear from classmates on their memories of their mother. If you would like to write to them, please address letters to:

Ms. Cynthia St. Clair
15858 28th Ave., NE
Seattle, WA 98155

Alice Greenwood sent proud news that son Jim is a congressman and serves Bucks and Montgomery counties in the U.S. Congress. She also reported that her husband had triple by-pass heart surgery in the fall but is doing great.

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Gwendolyn Miller Reams
304 Bay Dunes Drive
Norfolk, VA 23503

A. Isabel Gordon Swift
1212 Thornton St.
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

From Gwendolyn:

Isobel Elliot Taylor and husband Charlie have lived many years in Vero Beach, Fla., only three blocks from the ocean. They enjoy several clubs, including a fitness class, and walk every day.

Grace Fox Skoog has an apartment about 10 minutes from her daughter. Grace had planned to attend our last reunion, but was taking chemo at the time. She has had two bouts of cancer and is now doing well, but problems with polio syndrome have her on crutches all the time. She looks forward to hearing from her old friends.

Ruth Capen Hartmann and husband Bill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 1997. **Ursula Gonder Schiefelbein**, one of the bridesmaids, was able to attend the happy celebration. Ruth will soon have a nutrition consultant business.

We can all join in **Marjorie Tayloe Woolridge**'s goal to be around for the millennium. She was happy to see her suitemate, **Esther Michelbach Cain** '41, in spring '96.

Dorothy Sutton Thrasher Jones and her husband (since 1995) recently moved to Atlantic Shores. **Dorothy Sawyer Ferguson** was in Memphis, Tenn., for three weeks due to illness in the family.

Sara Boggs has moved back to the Eastern Shore to a retirement home. Also at the Heritage are **Janice Smith** '40 and **Rhea James Dodge** '41. The three often play bridge.

The annual January luncheon of the Tidewater and Peninsula MWC Alumni, with Norfolk as hosts, was enjoyed by several of our class members including: **Dorothy Sawyer Ferguson**, **Anna DeNegri Lawson**, **Mary Pride Hunninghake**, **Doris Fentress** and **Gwendolyn Miller Reams**. Paul A. Dresser, Jr., rector of MWC Board of Visitors, was a delightful speaker. His daughter, Amanda, accompanied him, as did our own **Cindy Snyder** '75, whom we are always happy to see.

Lois Heimer Hoefer in 1997 enjoyed a trip to London, staying in a "flat" and "pub-hopping." She also drove to Georgia and Alabama to visit sons and grandsons, then she visited friends and relatives up the East Coast to New Jersey. Along the way she saw classmate **Eloise Strader** in Winchester, Va. Eloise does a lot of editing of books relating to Virginia history.

Eleanor Sommers Hartless writes that she continues to live at home since her husband's death. Her oldest grandson graduated from the U. of California; the second grandson graduated from VMI and is in the Air Force. Her daughter continues to teach at Charlottesville High School.

Marjorie Burgess Parce is very active in her church and still manages to volunteer with Meals on Wheels. She has eight grandchildren ranging in age from 24 to 6. She writes that her neighbor says, "Old age is not for sissies," and each day seems to prove that!

From Isabel:

How we all miss **Virginia Key Goolsby,** our former, very efficient class representative to the Alumni Association.

Frances Lazenby Truett writes that she is still working every day. She is in the real estate business with her oldest son, and they have been quite successful in Goochland County — now well known as the home of Motorola. Her husband had open heart surgery recently and is doing fine. They have three grandchildren, who live close enough for them to see often and enjoy.

Aloise Brill Ayers writes that she and Bill returned before Christmas from a trip around the world. She says it took Bill all of last summer to plan it. Then they took a 12-day cruise in the Persian Gulf. They spend winters in Sarasota, Fla., then back to Blowing Rock, N.C., to their summer hilltop.

Virginia Henderson McCann writes that she kept up with **Mildred "Peggy" Whitaker** from Durham, N.C., who recently died. She had lived most of her married life in Pennsylvania. **Jean Downer** was another roommate from Gordonsville who died quite young in Hawaii. **Nancy Herr Fallen** '39 from Orange is her neighbor, and they have visited Jean Downer's sister, Helen. She took them to a delightful B & B for lunch. **Betty Morrissette Rice** and **Jayne Waugh Crigler** were suitemates. **Mary Jones Mapp**, from Urbanna, died in Vero Beach, Fla., several years ago. **Leslie Lau Parke** from New Rochelle, N.Y., died in 1989. **Barbara Garges Woodworth** now lives in Amber, Pa. She is still an athletic gal — does it all and looks great.

Alice Parrish Ege is now a beautiful blonde that turns heads. She and Fred spend six months in Florida and still have their home in Virginia Beach, but bought a condo on the bay so they will be able to move when Fred decides to no longer cut grass.

Lucille Mair '43 was in my bridge club at Sandbridge. She is a widow and an excellent bridge player.

Virginia Waring Minges has been in Greenville, N.C., for years. I visited her at her summer home in Pimlico, where she has an awesome view. Virginia is a granny now, and her youngest grandchild is a senior at the College of William and Mary.

I was unable to locate **Nancy Booker**, who is reported to be dean of women at some school. **Martha Gouldin Slusher**, **Mary Gouldin Goebel** and I attended the wedding of **Anne Brooks Webb**'s grandson in Bowling Green, Va., last fall.

I spent three weeks in Florida in February and March and attended the wedding of a cousin and a family reunion. **Janet Pearson King** and I had an enjoyable trip to Bermuda in March and April with the Virginia Museum Group (13 in all) on the Art and Garden Tour. We also went to Camden, S.C., for the Colonial Cup Steeplechase Races in November and to Asheville, N.C., for a candlelight tour of the Biltmore Estate.

1943

Dorabelle Forrest Cox
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Poquoson, VA 23662

Hilda Holloway Law
6 Ensigne Spence
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Frances Wills Stevens
432 Oakland Drive
Raleigh, NC 27609

1944

Jayne Anderson Bell
116 Cedar Hollow North
Fort Mill, SC 29715-8302

Jean Wade Ott merits honorable mention for priming the pump for this column. Hers was the first letter in my box before the deadline. How happy I was to receive it, but so sad to read of her husband, Edward's, death. Jean's next words were upbeat regarding our 55th Reunion in '99. She wrote, "Great! Is there anything I can do?" Reunion seems to be on many minds, according to your letters. Please start tuning up your memories and voices with "Eager voices singing..."

Well, the Virginia Hall 319 group had another mini-reunion at the home of **Bitsy Cook** in Fort Lauderdale. **Sallie Jacob** drove from Virginia Beach and **Ann Foster** flew from Alexandria. Bitsy took them to the Everglades and to Butterfly Farm.

A Good Life by Ben Bradlee is a book recommended by **Virginia Morgan Kline**. Ginny says, "The title describes what I have."

It was wonderful to hear from long-lost **Monika Dahl Scott**. After MWC, Monika earned graduate degrees in biology and musicology, along with rearing two sons and, 10 years later, a daughter. She followed a teaching career until the children were grown; then became a feature writer and fine arts critic for the *Tulsa Tribune*. She says, "In retrospect, this was the greatest of a long, colorful career." This segued into editorship of an industrial magazine, which entailed assignments on various parts of the globe. "Ill health and Jim's death brought early retirement, but the best was yet to come — grandchildren — six boys and one girl make my life. I'm the luckiest dame in the cosmos!"

News from **Phyllis Quimby Anderson**: Phyllis and Hank enjoyed trips to Texas, Arizona, Utah, Vermont and New York state, mostly by Amtrak. They look forward to MWC in '99. Their elder daughter designs and paints clever cards which, I'm sure, we have seen in fine stationery stores under the name SA Gioulis. All their children are artistic, and some are professional. Phyllis says they didn't get it from her. She's their self-proclaimed manager.

Ilva Harris Haynie has spent the last two years caring for loved ones. **Hazel Strong Morris** had two months in Naples, Fla. Upon return she called **Jane Brownley Thomas** and **Josephine Cloeman**, both of whom are looking forward to our 55th. Tommy needs prayer for her back and knees.

Cena Loback Carswell and Alex celebrated their 56th anniversary at a resort on the Pacific coast and "had a wonderful time." **Jean DeShazo**, at this writing, is on her way to Greece and Turkey.

Christine Hall, writing from Orlando, Fla., says she is enjoying warm weather and playing tennis with her 20-year-old cousin. Upon return from Florida, they left on an eastern European tour. Such energy!

Nettie Evans Lawrey writes that they did make the trip to Hawaii as planned. Their seven-day cruise was delightful, "just ate and ate, too much food but the trip was blessed by perfect weather. We had a helicopter ride over one of the inactive volcanoes, a beautiful sight, everything so green, waterfalls and huge lava rocks. We visited the *USS Arizona* memorial at Pearl Harbor. What a moving experience!"

Rebecca Engleman Russell writes, "1997 brought good times and bad times. We attended Elderhostel, took Amtrak to Niagara Falls, then in September Edwin had a stroke and was left paralyzed on his right side. We are thankful to be living in a continuing care center. I live in our apartment and participate in a number of activities. For a year now, I have served as librarian."

Marie Kennedy Robins' poem, "Dear Paul Newman," is in the new pocket-size edition of *When I am an Old Woman, I shall Wear Purple* by Papier Maché Press. Marie recently returned from a cruise through the Panama Canal.

From **Anna Austin Roberts Ware**: "I am still happy to be in the family farm house, where I recently had the 20x20 parlor (dating back to 1725) braced and a new ceiling put in, so I'm not afraid of taking guests in any more." Now Anna says she spends more time in her new parlor than outdoors. Anna is looking forward to Reunion '55 in '99.

Priscilla Crosby Phillips writes from Winchester, Mass., that they "split between Winchester and Rockport and are busy with library, hospital and church offices and visit MWC campus as we travel to Kiawah Island, S.C. The campus grows more beautiful each year."

Marilyn Price Heady hopes to attend our 55th. She is having some physical problems caused by arthritis and said she may have knee surgery when she returns from Florida to Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in June.

Kathleen Goffigan Huston begins her letter with, "Great news; they're coming home! My son, Bill, has completed nine years in Saudi Arabia. He has a job in Tyler, Texas, and he and his family will arrive in Houston in April." Kathleen, who lives in Corpus Christi, will have her two grandsons, Christopher and Daniel, with her for a week while their parents search for a home in Tyler. How wonderful to have them close by! My Scottish clan of seven now live just 17 miles from me after 17 years in Scotland. We just had our first Easter (Resurrection Day) together. Kathleen still teaches once or twice a week and says it is her "greatest pleasure."

Elizabeth Cumby Murray and Phil had three months at their home-away-from-home in Key Largo, Fla. "Had a great winter, stayed well, played lots of bridge, both duplicate and contract, tried to walk 45 minutes to an hour daily." At home on Nantucket Island, Cumby continues her garden club activities.

Phyllis Dunbar McIntyre is retired in Palm Desert, Calif. Sadly, **Henrietta Hoylman Parson** died in 1997. No matter the span of time and miles since MWC '44, we remember Henny as one of us. We are the lesser with her passing.

1945

Virginia Gunn Blanton
369 Lexington Road
Richmond, VA 23226

In two years, 2000, we celebrate our 55th Reunion, so start planning now to attend!

Grace Bailey Lindner and Carl continue to travel and to enjoy their family. Both sons, Max and Hut, live in Virginia, and the grandchildren are Grace's pride and joy. Grace still enjoys tutoring students at Collegiate School, where Grace and I started our teaching careers way, way back in 1945.

Christine Brauer Krausse and Scott never slow down with grandchildren nearby and Chris acting as tour director for her church group tours on the Eastern Seaboard. Her sister, **Anna Brauer Oxenham** '47, leads tours to Europe with her husband.

Speaking of traveling, **Betsy Shamburger Eggleston** and Dick do their share. They live on a beautiful farm near Ashland and have their daughter, Sally Lee, and her family with them. With **Ann White Leonard** and Barry nearby, it is great when we get together to reminisce. Remember, a contingent of MWC girls used to journey to Ashland to Randolph-Macon on dance weekends. Lunch at Patrick Henry Inn across the tracks from RMC is a lovely way to pass a spring day. That train track still carries a constant stream of trains — with stops in Fredericksburg, too.

Mary Doswell Simpson is one of those Randolph-Macon devotees, since Jack was a student there when she met him her freshman year at MWC. Still very much involved in her church, Mary enjoys her family, Nancy and John and the wonderful grandchildren.

Jean DeShazo Flemer '44 and I shared reminiscences at a recent wedding reception. She started out in our class and accelerated to graduate early. Her class is beginning plans for their 55th in 1999!

Elinor McClellan DeCamp journeyed to England to see her goddaughter and to sightsee a bit. She and John have gone to Purdue country, Lafayette, Ind., for the summer months from Phoenix. McClellan is a native of Norfolk, Va., and we get her back for our reunions at MWC.

A prized Christmas present that I received is a model of a Chesapeake Bay skipjack made by **Fran Watts Barker**'s husband, Jack. My naval architect son, Bill, is purchasing Jack's models for his own collection as well as gifts for others, both family members and friends. The model-making started as a hobby for Jack; the word spread and now he could not possibly keep up with the demand. Fran and Jack still live in Parksley on the Eastern Shore with the Chesapeake on one side and the Atlantic on the other — God's country.

Congratulations to **Lynda Richardson** '81, the recipient of the 1997 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Widely acclaimed for her wildlife photography, she and her photographer husband have traveled the globe on assignments. She and my daughter, Cathy, a wildlife biologist, became friends when Cathy was director of the Maymont Nature Center here in Richmond. Lynda has given Cathy and her husband, Rob, some lovely photographs. I feel fortunate to know Lynda and admire her greatly. She richly deserves this award.

Writing this with Frank Sinatra music in the background certainly takes me back to the '40s: dancing in the C. Shop, in the Hall of Mirrors, on the roof of G.W. for Junior-Senior and listening to the Hit Parade on Saturday nights. Now, all of you please take pen in hand and send me your news so we can all share. And remember the year 2000!

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It was good to hear from some classmates at Christmas. **Beverley Beadles Jackson** sent a beautiful card and a long newsy letter. The good news was the celebration of Beverley and Barnett's 50th wedding anniversary. They had planned a big celebration, but Barnett became very ill in December 1996 and, after many life-threatening events, he pulled through. They are very thankful and grateful for their lives with family and friends. Congratulations on 50 years, and may you be blessed with many more together.

My friend, **Anne Briesmaster Robertson**, wrote at length about some of her visits with classmates while in North Carolina to visit her family. She saw **Sue Vick Warren** and husband. Sue had **Janice Worsely Mayberry** over, and they all had a nice visit over lunch. Anne also visited with **Mildred Lambreth Chamberlain** in White Stone, Va., when Mildred was in town. Anne has three teen-age grandchildren (the oldest, Matt, was accepted at MWC as a junior last fall) and three young grandchildren. She stays busy with church, a senior citizen group, and as a volunteer at the school with fourth graders who need reading enrichment.

Gurleen Verlander Jones, my ex-suitemate at MWC, wrote from Richmond. In the fall she and Carey cruised to Alaska, and at Thanksgiving they took the *QEII* through the Panama Canal. They spend their summers entertaining at their cottage on the river. What great times!

Elaine Jouard Collins sent *Meleoaku, Kalikimaka* greetings from Hawaii, where she and husband George, a retired Marine colonel, have lived for over 40 years. They enjoy a good life playing golf and enjoying the beach. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November with 90 family and friends at the Marine base. Two of their bridal attendants, **Love Wohnas Sutphen** from Pittsboro, N.C., and **Mildred Lamberth Chamberlain** from San Diego, Calif., who were her roommates at MWC, flew over to help celebrate. They had a great time reminiscing about MWC days. Elaine and George have a daughter and three grandchildren.

One of the bonuses of being class agent is my pleasure in hearing from classmates that I never knew very well on campus. **Mim Riggs Gay** has been so good in keeping me informed. She, **Vivian Wilkerson** and **Elizabeth Sullivan Vaughan** went to **Nora Russell Dickens**' home, where they met **Janice Worsley Mayberry** and **Betty Adkins Powers**. They had a great visit; I understand this group are often in touch. Mim sent the clipping of **Anne Lee Goodlow Williams**' death due to Alzheimer's in October 1997. Anne's roommate and lifelong friend, **Toni Campbell Dickens**, visited her in Virginia Beach during her illness. Anne was a master teacher and had taught in many different schools. She lived life to the fullest and shared great love with others.

Vivian Wilkerson, who retired as a pediatrician, went to Switzerland in July. From August to October, she and a friend traveled 8000 miles from Virginia to California. Sounds like Vivian is enjoying a much deserved retirement.

I received information from several of our classmates after the reminder card sent by the alumni office. Janice Worsley Mayberry sent an e-mail message — she was given a trip to Disney World as a Christmas present by her son, who took his family, including three grandchildren, in January. It was a fun-filled family holiday! She wrote that Betty Adkins Powers attended a three-day workshop on small membership churches held in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe sent the obituary for her husband, Coy, who died in December 1997 of pulmonary embolus. He was treated for colon cancer for most of 1997. Coy was with Elizabeth at our 1997 reunion. We send our sympathy to Elizabeth.

Frances Holsclaw Brown wrote from Ocala, Fla., that she and her four sisters and brothers-in-law had spent a week at San Destin Resort in the Panhandle of Florida. She also attended her high school reunion in Hopewell and is active in church circles. She enjoys her two dogs, Bambe and Seymour.

Donald Wells, husband of **Eleanor "Mickey" Covington Wells**, wrote a letter and included her obituary. Mickey died in May 1997 in Alexandria, Va., after a stroke. Mickey was at MWC from September 1942 through May 1944 and roomed with Frances Holsclaw Brown. Mickey went on to graduate from the school of nursing at U.Va. in Charlottesville.

Kate Parker Hughes wrote that she and husband George went to his Air Force reunion in Portland, Ore. They planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June. She, **Rose Davis Morrisette**, and **Louise Sakakini Summs** attended the MWC spring and fall luncheons in Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

Betty Lou Loftis Bailey and husband Purnell have retired to Fredericksburg in an apartment at Chancellor's Village. They are happy that they will be able to participate in many activities on the MWC campus.

Louise Burroughs Ruddick wrote from Glen Allen, Va., where she has resided for 40 years. She has had new meetings with old friends from MWC. Her roommate, **Lydia Pellinen Knutila**, and husband met Louise and husband in Richmond. She also visited **Wilma Lindsey Clare** and converses with classmates **Anne Briesmaster Robertson**, **Ruth Boyer Rinker** and **Vi Grosso Stokes**. Ruth was very excited to be a part of Les Thomas' article on the Shenandoah Valley in the *Southern Living* March 9, 1998, issue. She also celebrated a reunion with her sons and families, the first time in 13 years for all to be together at Christmas.

Dorothy "Dee" Meyers Hildreth wrote from Echo Hollow Farm in Mohton, Pa., where she and husband Pat live. They are active in the management of their township. She is resuming sculpting, and they both look forward to a canoe trip soon.

Virginia Fry Elly and husband J.N. have been married for over 50 years and have four children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They live in Pennington Gap, a beautiful part of Virginia.

John Seely, husband of **Maurine Brevoort Seely**, wrote that she had a malignant tumor of the hip and had a hip replacement. She has been hospitalized for radiation treatment. She is our Reunion Coordinator for 2001, but John says that she may need to resign. We hope and pray that Maurine will be well soon.

We send blessings also for **Jane Hockenberry Holden**'s recovery after chemo treatments. She was hoping to play golf in spring 1998.

While many of the Class of '46 are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, **Stella Vincent Rose** married Thomas N. Burtron in April 1998. The wedding attendants were Stella's three grandchildren and Tom's two grandchildren. They will reside in Topping, Va. Congratulations!

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1948

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What a wonderful weekend we had at reunion, and probably the best news is that we all survived the heat of a typical Virginia summer day. It truly was spectacular, the Alumni Association having done everything expected and unexpected to provide us with a memorable feast of friends, food, fun, fine weather and all attendant frills. Most of us recognized each other without needing the identifying 1948 Battlefield photo badges, and it was easy to pick up where we left off, providing lots of non-stop conversation.

On Friday there was a lovely champagne reception especially for us "golden girls," followed by a larger party at beautiful Brompton, so handsome in its summer foliage. At our Saturday picnic, we sat in Palmieri Plaza area at tables marked specifically for us and then headed to Ball, where **Lois Saunier Hornsby** presided and also assumed a second role as she, **Carol Byrd Williamson**, and **Betty Bennett Ferguson** presented trio renditions accompanied on our Bruce Hornsby piano by **Glenna "Sandy" Graves Shiflett**. Among those present were Drs. Dodd and Alvey, such great sports to come out in the heat to be with us. It was so very touching for each of us to be with them again. **Sarah Armstrong Worman** presented them with gold-wrapped gifts from the class and had awards for the woman with the most children and the most grandchildren. **Barbara Longaker Yowell** won both categories with six children and 12 grandchildren. Had **Jeanne Shadwell Mangano** stayed for the party, she would have won the last category, as she has 18 grandchildren! At the banquet Saturday night Lois was awarded the MWC Service Award for 1998, quite an honor for her as well as for our class.

A note from Lois Saunier Hornsby said, "In the impact of the moment of receiving the award before so many people I left out of my remarks the all important factors of the Alumni Office support. Over the years it has been remarkable how willing and efficient they are to keep us informed of the marvelous programs and projects for MWC. These special reunions would not be so worthwhile without the always-at-hand information to keep us in touch with each one we hold dear. Look at the good Class of 1948. The response from so many classmates made our class participation figures give a good boost to the scholarship begun by our beloved Dean Alvey for his daughter, our fellow classmate. It does take all of us together to make the progress we see on campus, and my appreciation is for the whole team that creates the dynamic which we see all around us in smiling faces and beautiful buildings. Many thanks, all."

To tell you about our classmates, let me start with **Katherine "Kitty" Clark**'s pre-reunion in Alexandria with **Elizabeth "Betsy" Robertson**, **Anne Barnes Baugh** and **Jane Maury Denton** from Mobile. Only Betsy and Anne were able to come to MWC, both full of anticipation for their forthcoming trip to Australia. **Muriel Harmon Lake** and I drove from Richmond together, and

I was fascinated to hear about her summer lake-home big enough to accommodate her entire family. She was pleased to see her good friends **Adrienne** (did you remember that's pronounced *Ardrienne?*) **Murray Dyett** and **Marian Messersmith Snider**, who was accompanied by her husband. Adrienne stopped in New Jersey on her way from West Newton, Mass., to pick up **Emily Lynch Fairchild**.

In talking with **Jane Marshall Oulahan**, I learned that she has been going to Maine for three weeks every year of her life. She is soon to have her first grandchild. I did not talk with **Jane McCullough Smallwood**, but saw her with her husband, Jerry. According to her biographical notes, they are this year serving as bridge teachers and duplicate club directors on cruise lines.

Lillian "Lin" Lauer Marshall made it to the class party, as did **Margie Johnson Walter** from Florida. **Margaret Harrell Youngblood** and **Byrd Stone Helguera** came from Nashville, and **Mary Ann Ross Burkhart** and husband flew in from Memphis. **Peggy Tuck Middleton** had two fabulous cruises scheduled for the summer. She said she made friends during the weekend with people she had never known well. I had dinner with **Mabel "Mabs" Royar Loflin** and **Miriam "Whickey" Whitely Knight**, who had driven together from West Virginia. Whickey is training to become a Red Cross disaster counselor.

Virginia Wilson Monroe has just returned from her best Elderhostel yet. It was at Middle Tennessee State College, and the courses were on wildflowers and Tennessee walking horses. Our ever-young and accomplished **Ruby York Weinbrecht** has made quite a name for herself over the years, having received recognition on a number of fronts. She is quite a rose authority, aside from her more academic accomplishments.

Barbara Ann "Bobby" Hough McConnell and husband Bill joined us for the weekend and were planning to continue south to Atlanta to visit family. **Betty Yowell Hall** had a good reunion with her sister-in-law, **Barbara Longaker Yowell**. Looking totally unfatigued, **Gerry White** arrived from Charlottesville, having just put together the State Conference of Professional Women taking place that weekend. **Betty Strader Shamburger** had a short jaunt up the road from Doswell to Fredericksburg. She and **Ellie Brackett Buse** tied for Least Changed in Appearance. Ellie and one-year student **Carolyn Bolling Sergeant** of Knoxville, Tenn., are dear friends and came together. Ellie lives in Shelby, N.C., and loves the South, though has not lost her Boston accent.

Betty Bennett Ferguson was leaving our reunion to head to her husband's June Week 50th at Annapolis. **Nellie McVeigh Mason** travels to Atlantic City for fun, but doesn't have much luck at the machines. **Alice Fairbrother Myers** has four children and eight grandchildren, all living in Florida, as she does. **Nina Schmidt** and husband Donald have sold their Long Island home and are now living full-time in Florida. A house-party was held at **Norvell Millner Hodges'**, when **Ellen Dyer Davis** and **Lois Gray Givens** joined her after the Saturday party.

Two roomies, **Alice Cassriel "Cass" Whitman** and **Ann Scott**, met in Charlottesville to drive to the reunion together. Ann has just returned from an around-the-world cruise on the *QEII*, and I didn't get to hear nearly enough about that. They were meeting Charley Beale, **Lunette Harris Beale**'s husband, in Richmond on Sunday before heading back to Arizona and New York City respectively.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. There were so many people I didn't get to talk with, or else I didn't take notes, so forgot the details. If you weren't there, you were missed, and for those of you who came, I do think you must have left with as good a feeling as I did. If our professors are as good as our architects, landscapers, and Alumni Association, we'd better hope our grandchildren, nieces and nephews get in!

On a sadder note, **Mary Sue Dunaway Jones** wrote me nearly a year ago, and I failed to report that **Mary Garland Holland** had died. At her funeral in Bedford, Va., were **Betty Bowles Hosp**, **Margaret Ruth Youngblood**, **Adrienne Dyett**, and Mary Sue, as well as friends from '47 and '49. Mary Sue had also written that they were all planning to attend reunion, and, indeed, they were all there!

I will soon be meeting Betsy Robertson and **Justine Edwards Borland** in Williamsburg for lunch. Justine was touring the English gardens with the Garden Club of Virginia while we were in Fredericksburg, so Betsy and I will have a grand time hearing about the trip. With snapshots in hand, we will have just as much fun telling Justine about all you classmates. **Ashby Griffin Mitchell** and I say thanks again to all of you for contributing so much to making our 50th Reunion the success we think it was.

1949

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A note from **Kate May Schmidt** in Houston arrived too late to be included in our last issue. She passed along the sad news of the loss of another classmate, **Ann Jackson Atkinson**, in Roanoke, who succumbed to a longtime cardiac problem. Kate said she deeply missed Ann, her former MWC roommate and dear friend through these many years.

On a happier note, Kate wrote that she and Bill had a grand trip to Italy last October, then spent Thanksgiving in New Mexico with their son and his wife, and ended the year with a reunion of her family in Tampa, Fla. She added, "The weather in Florida was horrid, but the family gathering was great." Kate and Bill anticipated a trip to Canada in May and planned to contact **Corrine "Connie" Conley Stuart** while in Toronto.

Coincidentally, also in May, **June Davis McCormick** saw Connie for the first time in 49 years! No, not in person, but on television. On Mother's Day, again scanning preview channel, another unusual title jumped off the TV screen — "Her Disparate Choice," which Connie had mentioned, also. Thus, in the course of about a week, both A&E and Lifetime carried two films made in Canada in which Connie was featured. June also hoped to see and talk with **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** during Blackie's visit to St. Louis in June as a delegate to an AKC convention.

A relayed request for news drew an immediate response from faithful friend **Elva Tate Hasher** in Richmond. She spends two days every week with her husband, Conway, at his nursing home, reads, plays bridge twice a month, and cuts the grass, all of which she deems as not very exciting. No, dear Elva, but very important! In a note from **Sarah-Kathryn Hayter Helton** in Bristol, she spoke of a recent rash of bad news, illnesses and losses, concluding that she and her friends have decided: "We are in a bad age group, except for senior discounts!"

Elva also passed along word from **Lucille Clift Kimman** and John Jr. in Fredericksburg. They visited their son, John III, and his family in Charlotte, N.C., last Thanksgiving. They were overjoyed when their new grandson was born last May and was named John IV, carrying on the family tradition.

Andi Dulany Lyons had two celebrations in May, besides Mother's Day. Scott's wife, Missy, was graduated from nursing school, and Hal's oldest daughter, Lany, graduated from high school. Lany planned to attend James Madison U. this fall after being accepted for early decision. Her sister, Andrea, a talented instrumentalist, is in her high-school orchestra, which performed for "West Side Story," for which Andi and family turned out in full force. The entire orchestra, all 53 student players, was invited to perform in Scotland in August.

Continuing the multifaceted family talents, Clay's second daughter, Chelsea, danced in "Swan Lake" and has been invited to join the Rockbridge County Ballet Society, involving five rehearsals per week and three shows a year. At only 10, not yet *en pointe*, Chelsea also wants to play soccer. To round out her abilities, she also won first prize in the regional art competition, with final state judging not concluded at this writing.

With a spring release anticipated for Andi's book of her Bunny Rabbitt story-poems, necessary changes in the proofs delayed the printing. Missing the desired Easter release, Andi hoped for a November issue in time for Christmas.

Bob and **Barbara Watson Barden**'s oldest son, Jeff, and bride Sally were married in New York in March with just their parents in attendance for the service. They had a grand reception later with all the relatives joining in the festivities. Along the way, the bridal party all went to see "Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk," a treat especially for the mother of the groom. We imagine that one really had her toes tapping!

After 49 years, another voice from the past finally has been heard. Now living in Occoquan, Va., **Betty Ann Phillips** recapped her whereabouts since MWC in an interesting letter. She wrote that her life since graduation has been "a combination of teaching, physical therapy, traveling and generally enjoying life to the hilt!" She started out teaching physical education in a junior high in Arlington, PE and coaching at a junior college in Pennsylvania, then changing careers by getting her credentials in physical therapy at the Mayo Clinic. She was a physical therapist in a hospital and a school for the disabled in D.C. and Virginia, and then the travels began.

Betty Ann, a.k.a. "Phil," worked in London, Scotland, Oregon, and South Africa before returning in 1970 to work at Northern Virginia Doctors' Hospital, NOVA Community College, and to serve two terms on the Va. State Board of Medicine, as well as team leader for the P.T. assistant program. Along the way, she earned her M.S. in P.T. education. Her final work experience was as head of the rehab section of the visiting nurse association of Northern Virginia. Since retiring in 1988, she has enjoyed working part time as a courier at the museum in Occoquan, part time in the sales office of a condo development, volunteering at the White House in the presidential correspondence section, and enjoying more travels in New Zealand, Europe, Sardinia, and more of the USA.

Since you won't receive another *MWC TODAY* before our Fabulous Forty-Niner Fiftieth, please anticipate the date (June 4-6), read and respond to correspondence concerning our reunion plans. Let's make it a golden year for us and for our alma mater. We hope to be there and to see you! Meanwhile, as the year draws to an end, please do include a bit of news in your most welcome holiday cards. As ever, love to y'all from boffus.

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The ties of friendship of MWC classmates have definitely remained over the years, as I receive reports of mini-reunions, e-mail chats, phone calls, etc. There are several couples who have gotten together in the Jacksonville, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., area — **Helen Hopkins Timberlake**, **Jackie Newell Recker**, **Clelia Boushee Bullard**, and **Janey Gardner Mallory**. Helen and Neal are fairly new arrivals to the area, having moved there in 1995. Their home is in Marsh Landing on the Intracoastal Waterway, and they even have a small resident alligator, which suns in their yard from time to time. Besides decorating and settling in, Helen and Neal have traveled to British Columbia, back to Atlanta and have visited her son in Key West. Jackie and Len enjoy visiting their daughter and family (two grandsons) in Memphis. Their son and his family (one grandson) are in Dallas. The big trip of '97 was a cruise along the coast of Spain and into northern Africa. Jackie has talked with **Liz Garey Parode**, who is still teaching and traveling to Switzerland every summer. Clelia and Ray are in Jacksonville, about 30 miles from Ponte Vedra. Clelia and daughter Molly are co-directors of a Children of the Confederacy chapter, and Ray is active in the Sons of Confederate Veterans — commander of the camp in Jacksonville, the largest in the world. They were preparing for a big ball in March. Both Clelia and Ray are interested in historic places and have taken a genealogy course, but now need time to get into it.

Jean Sprower Hampton in Middlebury, Vt., has had a couple of lunch get-togethers with **Kay Venezio Boffa**, who lives in Burlington. Jean was pleased to report that they were not severely affected by last winter's ice storms. She is happy in the area with a son, daughter and three grandchildren nearby. Another daughter is in Connecticut. When Irv and I were at an Elderhostel in Kennebunk-Biddeford, Maine, in October '97, I gave **Mary-Jane Redman Whittier** in Saco a call. Had a nice chat and learned Mary-Jane had recently returned from a trip to France.

Connie Metzger Verlander and Joe in Altamonte Springs, Fla., were very close to the tornado damage this spring, but they escaped. However, their daughter, Mary, and husband had to rebuild their home, which was badly damaged by the impact when a huge tree fell in their back yard in late summer 1997. Luckily the whole family was visiting at Connie's beach condo when it fell. Connie and Joe cruised on the *Splendour of the Sea* with the retired Martin Marietta group. They visited many wonderful ports of call in Scandinavia, Spain and Portugal, but the North Sea was another story — 20-25-foot swells and 60-knot winds.

Rachel Nickey Morgenthaler and Skip spend their year in Maryland and in St. Petersburg, Fla. They have been taking the auto train down from Baltimore, and Nickey said it is *deja vu* riding through Quantico and Fredericksburg. **Elmira Doolittle Daniel** and Dave spend their winters in Stuart, Fla. The rest of the year they are Mainers — New Harbor — or they are traveling, as they did in August '97 taking a Holland-American cruise to the Scandinavian and Baltic countries with friends from Florida and Maine.

Anne "Ozzie" Osborne Cox in Plantation, Fla., has a lot to be thankful for in the past two years. She survived a severe auto accident, which totaled her Lincoln, and she is proud to say that she is now a nine-year breast cancer survivor. She and Frank continue to work five days a week, but enjoy weekend time with their children and grandchildren.

Pleased that she moved to Lakeland, Fla., **Barbara Huber Bohmann** was able to be present at the birth of her second grandson in November '97. She finds that living near Jill and her family is a joy. Barb has kept up with her bridge, loves reading and has her little cat to keep her company on slow days.

In Leesburg, Va., **Mary Jane McIntosh Young** keeps her freezer stocked with home-grown garden produce, but she and Floyd still spend a lot of time in the summer at their place in Bethany Beach, Del. M.J. had a fling in September '97 when she joined a friend and her group for a classical tour of Greece and a cruise of the islands with stops in Ephesus and Istanbul. Also in Leesburg, **Carol Bailey Miller** continues to work for the equine medical center and spends much of her weekend time judging and stewarding horse shows. She was pleased to be asked to steward the prestigious Middleburg Classic, which attracts some of the best show horses in the U.S. She and Bill took a leisurely trip to Vermont, enjoying the scenery and the samples while touring the Ben and Jerry ice cream factory!

Martha Carr Huddleston, of Virginia Beach, was busy in 1997 visiting sons and family, making a trip to Europe, mainly to Germany's Mad King Ludwig's castles, and then traveling through Virginia on a DAR district tour. **Virginia Felts Brown** also traveled with the group. In late February '98, Martha became a grandmother again, when a daughter was born to son Sam and wife in Phoenix. To add to her activities, Martha was elected state treasurer of the Virginia DAR.

Billie Mitchell Hanes and Kick, also of Virginia Beach, continue with their business involvements and remain happy, enjoying each other, family and friends. Billie is a faithful exerciser at the cardiac fitness center three times a week, committing herself to remain healthy since her angioplasty two years ago.

In spring '97 **Elsie Lee Davidson Floyd** and her cousin drove from Buena Vista, Va., to Alaska, taking a northwest route and visiting sites of interest along the way. **Nancy Riley Pointer**, of Gloucester, Va., gave an up-date of son Glenn's condition after his serious fall, injuring both feet, which now contain plates and screws. He is walking with a cane and has returned to limited work. Nan attended the global gathering of the United Methodist Church in Kansas City, along with about 5,500 Methodists from around the world — a mountain-top experience. She and Joe took a Scandinavian trip in August '97 and while in Norway spent time with a former AFS student, who had been in Nan's school in 1977.

Barbara Malone Crookshanks, editor of the *Fredericksburg Times*, will be in the first edition of Marquis' *Who's Who in the Media and Communications 1998-99*. To be chosen for inclusion, candidates must have held a position of responsibility or have attained a significant achievement in their field.

Marcy Weatherley Morris and Juney, in King George, Va., wear traveling shoes and are especially fond of cruising. Besides Bermuda, the Caribbean and Hawaii, Georgetown, S.C., is a frequent destination, as Marcy's 89-year-old mother still lives there — self-sufficient, with her new pug dog, Andy.

Like many of us have been doing, **Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader** and Bill, in Warren, Pa., spruced up their home in '97 — new windows, paint job, etc. That took the place of their winter vacation. Both have had some health problems, but are back "on course." Bobbie continues her real-estate appraising and bridge.

In State College, Pa., **Barbara Lloyd Hiller** works with the craft group at the women's club. She is also third VP of the club. She works as cashier at their thrift shop, which has been earning over $60,000 annually to be distributed among local charities.

Charlotte Leonard Wilder and Roland travel to Texas to see their son and oldest grands. Daughters and families live near them in Wheaton, Md. **Shirley Cole Schleter** and John have decided not to build another house in Kitty Hawk, N.C., so are still at the same address. Big news is that son Chris has accepted a job with the 2000 Olympics, where he will be director of technical operations for the Sydney Organizing Committee (SOCOG). After many complications of various kinds, he finally settled into his new home — Australia.

Eleanor Sullivan Lewis was in the area in August '97, so she and Shirley had lunch with lots of talk. Shirley took a sabbatical from golf in February by having her second hip replacement.

A brief note from **Garland Estes McCarthy** in Humble, Texas, said that she and Al travel frequently to the Cayman Islands. **Mary Cottingham Hardy** is still hitting tennis balls and does lots of volunteering in San Pedro, Calif. Says she saw **Liz Garey Parode** twice in '97. Liz comes to California from Tucson, Ariz., to visit her daughter. **Betty Gavett Breeden** and Joe moved from Prescott, Ariz., to a townhouse in the west Clairemont area of San Diego. They are now near their five San Diego families and son Scott in Orange County. They enjoy being involved in family activities.

Rowena Simpson Renn and Ed moved in 1997, but they remained in Atlanta, Ga., giving up their 14-room house of 27 years for a seven-room cluster home. They took time out from moving for a trip to Belgium to see daughter Tina, her husband and three young children before they left for Africa. After grueling training in Cameroon, they are now in Niemy, Niger, where they will begin their work with the Wycliffe Bible translators. Rowena has a voice studio at home and has good students — two were to enter the state auditions for the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

All is well with **Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni** in Miami, Fla. She and Luis celebrated their 46th anniversary in February. We keep in touch via e-mail. If there are others of you on-line, please send me a note once in a while. And don't forget the year 2000!

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No news is good news, I presume. Guess you all are worn out from reading our last issue. I was so excited about all our news. I will write again to each of you soon — if you write me back. Have a great holiday season. Don't forget to plan for our reunion — 2001 will be here before you know it.

1952

Susan Hutcheson Jurgens
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The major theme of most of the letters I've received has been travel. It's a fun way to broaden education both before and after retirement.

Carol Oliver Headlee and Tom had a two-week Elderhostel trip to Hawaii. We received a glowing account on a postcard. Carol also wrote recently that she has seen **Gene Woolfolk Dunn** several times at the grocery store. Gene works

for the Virginia Lottery as a sales representative and travels over a three-county territory. She enjoys gardening and is looking forward to retirement, although a date hasn't been set yet.

Nancy Moxley Stone with Ernest Warren and **Rita Morgan Stone** with Jake spent a delightful summer night with **Nancy Stump Motley** and Ken at the Motleys' lake home at Smith Mountain Lake. Nancy and Ernest Warren also visited **Shirley Bowman Stotts** and Vern at their home on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Nancy wrote that it was really a treat to eat crabs caught off the Stotts' pier. Nancy and her husband continued their travels with a 10-day trip to Ireland. Shirley wrote that son Dan was married June 1997 in a beautiful location on Wye Island, near their home. Shirley and Vern are planning a trip to Minnesota this year to visit his family.

Maxine Haley Hazelgrove is chartering a bus to take family members to Connecticut for the wedding of her son, Duke, this fall. What a great idea! In 1997 **Mary Lou Finney Boyd** had two weddings in the family — son John in June and daughter Beth in October. Mary Lou's sister stayed with her a month after Mary Lou had a total knee replacement in January 1998. Mary Lou is driving now and anticipates doing a lot of fishing later this year.

I hope everyone returned to their high schools for the 50th Reunion celebrations. **Louise Sakakini Summs** said hers was in May. **Maxine Haley Hazelgrove** and I graduated from high school in Ashland, Va. Maxine is on the planning committee and phoned to tell me our reunion would be in October.

Please send news, and also write your former roommates, suitemates, and other friends so that our 50th in 2002 will be a great celebration. If you need addresses, contact the Alumni Office or me.

1953

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Shortly before reunion, Charlotte received a call from **Nancy Corbett Roland**'s husband, Joe, telling her of Nancy's death. She had not been well, but it was not expected that she would go so quickly. We, the Class of '53, extend our deepest sympathy to Joe and the family.

Our 45th! We strolled the campus, visited old dorm rooms, talked, laughed, remembered...

With her usual aplomb, **Peggy Hopkins Johnson** planned our class party at Westmoreland Hall and hosted the class hospitality room to perfection. When our allotted time was over, Peggy held the continuation of our party at the Marye's Heights Apartments clubhouse. **Betsy Dickinson Surles** gave Peggy a helping hand and also gave every member of the class in attendance a '53 Devil's mug as a remembrance of our reunion. Betsy made the mugs herself.

As editor of the Reunion Booklet, **Kathryn "Kitty" Garland Obenshain** gave us an outstanding product and souvenir, so outstanding that we elected her in absentia to be editor again for our 50th Reunion. (Hope she's still speaking to us!) **Janet Swan Clements Jacobs** and **Doris Lindsey Whitfield** graciously accepted the job to replace Peggy as alumni coordinators for the 50th. And since no one spoke up in time to prevent it, we, Charlotte and Barbara, are still your alumni columnists.

Joan Schlesinger Miller caught us up on her news with, "This Yankee girl finally ended up in the South, in Norfolk, Va. ... I have one son, who is a lawyer and is currently in Bosnia teaching the locals how to establish political parties and prepare for the elections in September."

Millicent "Mill" Brown and **Winifred "Winnie" Hundemann Schurek** have attended every 15th reunion — '68, '83, and '98 — but have decided they'll have to cut that time to five years for our 50th! **Nancy Newhall Hulburt** put off her summer trip to Nantucket long enough to join us on Saturday for the class picnic, picture, and party. Since it's no easy task to find a second car ferry date for Nantucket, we appreciated the effort expended to be able to join us.

Most of the 30+ attendees expressed similar thoughts and feelings about our gathering at this time in our lives. Here are a few that cover the sentiments. From **Mary Lou Dodge**, "The older we get — the better it gets — it's like the last 45 years didn't exist, but the trees are 45 years bigger." **Barbara Hamilton Fraley** said, "It's wonderful to be here at MWC. The campus is so beautiful. The ladies all look great. I'm impressed with the new buildings." **June Christian Tuttle** expressed the following: "Mary Washington is still the most beautiful college. Though the years have passed and customs changed, Mary Washington is still very special. What a treat to see so many of you!"

Martha Gilbert Smith wrote, "I return to reunion at MWC because I love the College, and I realize my very best, most lovable friends are here." From our pragmatic humorist, **Nancy Melton Miller**, "Advil, tenny pumps that fit, air conditioning and good friends — doesn't get much better — and being at MWC with classmates is such a gift!"

I'm sure most of us agree with **Loretta Burnette Rhodes** concerning her first statement and hope that all aspire to her second. "Retirement and reunions are great! See you in 2003!"

Please, if you haven't already done so, put one of us on your Christmas card list so we'll have your news for the spring column. If you like, you may highlight what you want printed.

1954

Vera Bestwick Willis
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We have news of two of our classmates. **Edith Moody Sheffield**, husband Bill, and **Betty Lou Maier Irwin** took a cruise through the islands and Panama Canal in March. Also, Betty spends time on Nantucket Island, since she and her family own a house there, and she runs into **Mary Ann Dorsey Judy** every couple of years. She's seen another MWC graduate — Betty thinks she graduated in 1953. The graduate's husband is a docent in some of the historic places around the island. Betty will try to find out more this summer. Betty's also seen **Sara Jane Parcell Vignali** '55, since they live in neighboring towns. Their daughters-in-law are nurses together in a local hospital.

Lois Graff Reiser's oldest son has three children. David lives in Denver, Colo., and works with computer graphics. He will return home this summer when his grandfather will be 100 years old. Richard lives in Jersey City with friends. He is an accountant and works with H&R Block. Eleanor is expecting her second baby — it's supposed to be a girl. Eleanor's first baby was a boy. Douglas and Daniel are filming. Doug was in a play, and during the last part of April and early May, they opened in "Little Bird" by Mary Gallagher at the Panthen Theatre. Doug is doing a commercial for Pizza Hut and is also in a movie, "Mr. Jealousy," coming out in May.

1955

Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher
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After a six-year drought locally, the 10-inch above-average rainfall finally matured my garden enough to hold my first garden tour. So far this year, I've packed in four major garden tours. Skip and I now plan to head for the Chelsea Flower Show in London. Gardening passed from hobby to obsession very quickly for me. Son Bobby's photography career is finally taking off, with his work appearing in *Travel & Leisure*, *US*, *NY Times* magazine, and soon, *Martha Stewart Living*. Skip and I just attended his 50th high school reunion at Penn Charter school in Philadelphia. We called **Sally Watson Castle**, who had just returned from their winter digs in Florida, and she and Joe hosted us for lunch. They have three children. Daughter Katherine showed up at the Castle home in Florida with **Jane Fair Ingersoll**'s daughter in tow. Sally's sister, **Polly Watson Kirksey** '53, moved to Kilmarnock, Va., up the road from us.

Kathryn Enquist Brown reports from Williamsburg, where she's lived for 32 years, that husband Dan, for whom she works part time, is still in private family practice. They have five grandbabies. Kae, enter those beauties in our contest!

Coralyn White McGeehan sent a photo of her granddaughter, Caroline, who, at 7, is a poised beauty and a near clone of Coralyn! They had a visit from **Barbara Trites Peterson** and husband Johnny in Vero Beach, Fla., where Coralyn and Bob have winter quarters. They return to Virginia in May.

Grace Vane Saunders writes that she's substitute teaching in Cambridge, Md., and deeply entrenched in research for a book she's writing on the Civil War. Occasionally she talks to **Nancy Lange Krautter**, whose youngest daughter was married a year ago.

Polly Stoddard Heim is returning from a trip to Spain, for which she prepped by taking a Learning in Retirement course. She and her husband will be home a few weeks and then take off from Florida for Rhode Island, then cross country to Seattle to catch up on their kids and grandkids, who range in age from 6 to 18 years.

Ann Grubbs Blitchington wrote about a wonderful mini-reunion she had with room- and suitemates **Peggy McRoberts**, a retired librarian, **Joan Piedmont Gruppe**, who teaches piano and lives in Wilmington, N.C., and **Mimi Whittamore Harman-Walke**, an artist, now retired from teaching at Va. Tech. Both Ann and husband Frank are retired and doing a lot of traveling, having just returned from an Elderhostel in Jamaica, where they studied marine biology and snorkeled every day!

Phyllis "Bee" Melillo Shanahan is yet another of our classmates dividing her days between Florida and a cooler climate, in her case Long Island, from which she just returned in time to see grandson Jeffery star in his school production of "South Pacific." Bee recounted an exciting adventure, where they and nine others chartered a channel boat through the locks, tunnels and aqueducts of Wales and England. They shopped and pubbed and stayed in wonderful hotels along the route and had a grand time. The trip was put together by a friend they met at an Elderhostel. She recently returned from a week's cruise to the Caribbean, a gift from son Patrick. She says her summer plans include their farm, Tanglewood, a week's cruise to Canada, a fall Elderhostel in Baltimore (cooking and music) and a cruise in the Central America area in December. She graciously invited me to her neat pad on

the Intracoastal Waterway in Florida, but I think she's safe, as it would be nearly impossible to catch her at home!

Good ol' **Sally Fan Hanger Morvitz,** who sends news at least every other newsletter, sent her entry into the MBG Contest — a photo of son Victor's children, Madeline and Jay, hugging each other and looking like they meant it! Another grandbaby is due any day now. Victor's twin brother, Brian, has a son, Nathan. Sally said she was recognized at a party by **Joanne Lee Harris** '53, who said it was Sally's ponytail which clued her in!

Nancy Shope Armbruster, whose grandbaby Mary won the Beautiful GB contest in '97, just returned from an Elderhostel trip to Ecuador, and in spite of the ravages of El Nino upon the people and their land, Nancy says it was a wonderful experience. Nancy and Joe continue their work with the Presbyterian Church in their ecumenical Faith Communities Against Hate Crimes group, which Nancy started in '95, and now has 72 like groups around New Mexico. She and Joe are both very involved in Senior Olympics and hope to qualify for the national games in October '99. **Jackie Whitehurst Hertz** and Jim visited the Armbrusters, and then Jim and Joe went elk hunting in Colorado. They plan to do it again this October.

Polly Hamilton Burns, a first-time writer, reports she was in pre-nursing at MWC and went on to graduate from U.Va. Now living in Los Altos, Calif., she has three children and five and a half grandbabies. Polly is still working full time for Stanford U. and loves to travel, having been recently to Scotland, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. She gets together almost yearly with MWC roommates **Jean Peyton Brennan** and **Jane Howard Goodall.**

Another first-time writer, **Dixie Denham Drivas,** not only sent a picture of gorgeous grandbaby Kia, born to Dixie's daughter Dana and husband Kurt, but a picture of herself. She looks great, and I recognized her immediately. Dixie is becoming a Virginia girl again with the purchase of a house in Charlottesville, to be near Kia and family, but also has a condo near Tampa, where son Jay and his family live. Dixie has done much traveling, having lived in San Miguel de Allende and Barcelona, but the U.S.A. is her favorite travel country. She generously invites "all MWC grads who live near Charlottesville to call or visit."

Do you remember when the diplomas were being presented at our graduation, and we all broke out with cheers and applause upon hearing, most of us for the fist time, the full and glorious name of **Josephine Jane Worthington Williams**? Well, the fortunes of life have given our classmate Jo Jane two more names to enhance her handle. When she married Jack Phillips in '58, **Betsy Blackwell Fowler** and **Joan Martin Palmer** were her bridesmaids. Jack died in '78, and eight years later Jo Jane married J.P. Van Hook. With their combined families, they have five children who produced nine grandchildren. Jo Jane was thrilled to have her most recent grandchild named Camille Josephine. Jo Jane taught chemistry at the U. of South Alabama and retired in '94. She is still active in the American Chemistry Society and is enjoying china painting, jewelry design and watch repair. She recently underwent open heart surgery and must have had a very successful recovery, as she and J.P. left in April for Holland, where both of them have ancestral roots. Jo Jane invites all '55 classmates to visit her in Mobile, with the enticement of "Our Mardi Gras is not like New Orleans, but, we do have a great party! "

Dot McIlwain Mattison wrote that, in spite of bad arthritis, she made it from her home in Belton, S.C., to a family wedding in Maryland and to Colorado last year.

Chris Harper Hovis happily reports that "all her chicks are in one state," and even more happily, the one she's in, California. A new grandson, Harper Hovis James, is now 16 months old.

I haven't heard from **Hettie Cohen Jones** yet, but did see an article from NYC's *Village Voice* which was a write-up on one of her daughters, who, like her mama, is also an author, and from the accompanying photo, a very pretty one.

And, two entries, just under the wire... **Mary Margaret Papstein Carter** and George opted for early retirement and wonders, as do so many of us now, "How in the world did we have time to work?" They spend their winters in Scottsdale, Ariz., and would love to hear from classmates in the area. They sold the New Jersey farm but still have a home in N.J. near NYC and really enjoy taking advantage of all it has to offer. They have four sons, four grandsons, and a granddaughter. She hears from **Carol Cooper**, who is off on a trip to the Middle East.

Audrey Merritt Buchholz sent a photo of grandson Alexander, a very handsome 22-year-old, and she and Bernie are expecting two more grandchildren in '98. They enjoy retirement in a home they designed on a canal on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Audie says she's joined everything and "my love is Quilters By The Sea," of which she is president of the guild. Their three children and three grandkids live in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, so they do a lot of traveling between them, and then host them in the summer. They recently took a trip to Spain, joining Bernie's German cousins in southern Spain, and had a grand time. They, too, spend time in Florida, as so many of you do — every February in Venice.

You have till the end of this year to get your Beautiful Grandbabies Contest photos to me, and those of you who have never, or hardly ever, written, don't forget your contest entry!

1956

Louise Robertson-Monroe
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1957

Ellen Hertz Hewitt
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Richmond, VA 23235

Kathy Wall Rice and husband Ben were expecting their second grandchild when I spoke to them in May. Kathy is working as office manager in the office shared by her husband and son, both doctors. Kathy has a new passport and is willing to go with any classmate who wants to travel. **Ann Lynwood Jones Belsha** and her husband went on a very successful Elderhostel in Georgia in March. Ann and **Libby Field Erwin** will be traveling to Hudson, Ohio, and will meet each other at an annual Kentucky Derby party.

Ann Davis Spivey and Joe were expecting their sixth grandchild when I spoke with them in April. Ann donates time with Roots and Shoots, an intergenerational gardening program, in a Lexington elementary school. Ann has earned a masters degree in horticulture from Va. Tech. John and **Judy Denton Quillian** and the Spiveys spent a great weekend together at the VMI 40th Reunion last year. Judy has retired from teaching.

All six of **Susan Bender Trotter**'s children are married. The Trotters have nine grandchildren! Susan spends her time teaching quilting and gardening. She retired last year after seven years as a substitute rural postal carrier.

Jean Durham Busboso writes that she and Buz attended the wedding of the daughter of **Joyce Bristow Wrestler** in August 1997 in Chapel Hill. **Charlsey McFarlane De Lorenzo** and husband have moved to Williamsburg, Va. They enjoy being close to Washington, D.C., and the Outer Banks. Charlsey's three daughters all live on the East Coast in Boston, New York and Sarasota. Charlsey still keeps in touch with **Barbara Mason Carper**.

My husband, Charlie, and I will be traveling to Italy with a U.Va. alumni group in May and then on to Malta for nine days on our own.

Please write to me to share your news and news of other classmates.

1958

Sue Wright Culpepper
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Cynthia Seagraves
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Jacksonville, FL 32210

1959

Edna Gooch Trudeau
8200 St. Peter's Lane
New Kent, VA 23124

Girls! What's happening? No news since Christmas cards — I know you are out there. Put down those grandchildren!

Gloria Winslow Borden did send a card — was leaving for a week's vacation with her daughter, Cynthia, who will marry in July.

1960

Betty Humphries
425 Nottingham Drive
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Betty Williams
471 Catesby Lane
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Greetings fellow Goats,

Lynn Word Via writes that she is a grandmother for the first time. Daughter Claire delivered a boy, Patrick Dalton Sullivan, in April 1998. Lynn lives in Roanoke, Va., with husband Peter and cat Mosby. Lynn says that she is having a wonderful time being very involved with the family hobby, breeding and showing American Saddlebred horses. Lynn's other daughter, Dr. Owen Hurt Weaver, a veterinarian, is also involved in riding and showing some of the family horses. Lynn joins me in encouraging you old goats to return to MWC in June 2000 for our 40th Reunion.

I talked to **Rose Bennett Gilbert** in May, and she is a very busy goat: Rose is entering her 10th year in her own communications company in New York, RBG Communications. Not only does she handle public relations clients but also writes on a variety of topics ranging from home interior design to travel articles, including covering the 1998 Miss America Pageant. She also writes a weekly nationally syndicated column on decorating that goes to 250 newspapers coast to coast. Her two sons, Scott and Bennett, are computer whizzes. Scott has his own software business, and Bennett is a consultant to the Prudential Company. In response to the question, "Where would you like to be in the year 2000?" Rose would like to be in Rome. In fact, she's off to Florence in a few weeks to check it out — via Rome, of course.

Clara Farrow Putnam, my suitemate sophomore year, lives near Phoenix, Ariz., with her husband, Wally. Clara is an award-winning realtor and is active in civic affairs, especially the

Episcopal church. Wally shares her interest in their community, and each year he plays Santa Claus during the holiday season. Clara and Wally have three daughters: Katherine, Clara and Deborah.

Junior year suitemate, **Trisha Burke Duke**, and husband Jim have three daughters and one son. Their second-oldest daughter is a recent MWC grad. All four children are grown, and the three married daughters have produced seven grandchildren. Trisha is currently a science teacher, and Jim is a contractor.

Liz Hill Heaney and husband Bob have left their dream home in Utah and returned to the East Coast. Liz wrote that she and Bob love boating. You may recall that Bob was in banking, and while she was our class agent, Bob's business took him to South Africa. After receiving Liz's letter, I called her for more news about their life in New Jersey. Time and space do not permit much news now, but Liz did offer some helpful hints about serving our alma mater in the role of class agent.

It is so wonderful to read your letters and to chat with you on the telephone. **Pat Garvin Dyke** reminded us in her "Goat Notes" that while we rejoice at the happy news we receive from our classmates, we are also saddened by the sad and tragic news.

I talked with **Edna Weiss Clemans** last week. To tell the truth, I talked with her husband, George. He said that Edna was entertaining her William Shakespeare group. Judging by the noise in the background, Edna was doing a great job.

When I called **Nancy McInnis Barto**, Nancy was not at home, but I did chat with her daughter, Sarah, whose son, Ian, was born in November 1997. According to Sarah, Nancy and her husband, John, have lived near Concord, N.H., for some time. John is a 1952 graduate of Dartmouth College and is an attorney in Concord. Sarah said that she has a sister, Susan, and a brother, John Jr. Nancy enjoys being a grandmother and is involved in various groups in her community.

During the last few years, I have been working with the archivists at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the College of William and Mary, providing them with the papers, articles and films of my late father. My late mother was an artist, and her work is included in the collection. Now for some comic relief — this is the truth — I am typing this on a 1918 Underwood Standard portable typewriter. I found it and so many other collectibles in the attic. I share my home with a cat, Tout, and my nine-year-old Cocker Spaniel, Lady. Not to be outdone by Rose Gilbert, I also have a publishing enterprise, which I began in 1974. I take pictures of the Historic Triangle — Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. These are made into postcards and are sold in area giftshops and businesses. Please write or visit when you can.

1961

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The e-mail network is growing. **Lynn McCarthy** and **Lynne Williams Neave** joined our e-mail family this year and shared lots of news.

Lynn McCarthy and **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** have been planning a project for our class to honor Dr. Grellet Simpson and Dr. Mary Ellen Stevenson. We will send a special mailing to all on that. Sylvia and Stuart (retired and ready to get on his boat) are delighted to be moving back to Virginia. Sylvia tore her rotator cup again but was busily organizing their May move to Cobbs Creek.

Graham Walker Burns and Lynn like to e-mail their on-going kidding match over their rival teams — Graham's Tennessee Volunteers and Lynn's champion Kentucky Wildcats. They are both rabid football and basketball fans. **Polly Updegraff Champ** wrote that she did the wardrobes for two operas this spring, *Othello* and *Hansel and Gretel* and was in the process of working on *Porgy and Bess* — doesn't sound like retirement to me!!

Lynn and **Marg Gilfoyle Powell**, in Norfolk, were planning some events around their 40th Maury High School Reunion — their class goofed and forgot to do it last year. They were attempting to get **Anna Burton Hathaway** to come from Richmond and **Sarah Leigh Kinberg** to come from California for the event in June.

Lynne Neave reports recent '61er visitors included **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom**, who was in town for a few days with Art and her little sister and husband. Lynne also had a long chatty call with D.C.er **Judy Saunders Slifer**, who was in NYC for her very first visit to the Big Apple. Our actor son, Don, and his actress fiancée have moved to NYC, too. Dick and I will be east this fall for their Connecticut wedding. We plan to spend some time with, and gather some advice from, Lynne and Sandy, who hosted another wedding this June. That's three sons' weddings in as many years.

Lloyd had news that **Carolyn Crum Pannu**, delighted with daughter Kara's recent marriage in Florida, took a spring break from completing her master's degree in San Francisco and visited with newly remarried **Sue Wilson** in D.C. Lloyd convinced Carolyn to make a side trip to Richmond, where Lloyd and Art hosted a dinner party for her that included Henry and **Mary Turner Willett**, Walter and **Vaughan Hargroves Scott**, Dewey and **Nancy Edmunds Morris**, John and **Tommy Hulcher Thompson** and **Sarah Ellen Flowers McKinney**.

The Backstroms were also visited by **Peggy Howard Hodgkins**, who was down from Maine for a cousin's May wedding in Newport News. They caught a Sunday matinee performance in Norfolk with our son and future daughter-in-law as Puck and Helena in a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and even ran into our daughter, D'Arcy, who was up from Raleigh for the show. Such a wonderful small world.

Connie Booth Logothetis was elected to send news of a gathering in May of six classmates and spouses arranged by **Denby Singley Gorman**! Denby and Tom have a share in a beautiful oceanfront house at Edisto Island, S.C., which is also where former classmate **Judie Reese Nye** and husband John have lived since 1989. They joined the Gormans, Logothetis's, Clarence and **Clara Sue Durden Ashley**, Charlie and **Gloria Laughlin Klinger**, and Howard and **Betty Ann Smith Robertson** for three days of relaxation, talk, walking, golf, shopping, and eating! Judie and John's house had been hit by lightning and burned the week before, but, nevertheless, Judie managed to cook us a wonderful dinner using recipes from a charming cookbook recently published by her historic church in Edisto. After evacuating 2-3 times for hurricanes and now the fire, they've decided to make their permanent home back in Columbia and rebuild on Edisto for get-aways. Denby, a beauty still, who paces her life carefully because she has MS, also lives in Columbia and takes great pleasure in taking care of a grandson for her working daughter. Denby also has two sons and Tom has two. Clara Sue and Clarence still live in Great Falls, Va., as do the Klingers. The Ashleys have three married sons, two grandchildren, and a fourth son who is in Korea in the Army. Clara Sue works part time in a quilting shop, when she and Clarence are not on the golf course. Gloria did not finish college, having gone to work at the Jersey shore after sophomore year, meeting Charlie and getting married! They have a daughter and a son, gardening is her passion, and she formerly worked as an artist with stained glass. Betty did not finish either, got married, had two sons, divorced, and married Howard many years ago. They live in Crozier, Va., and Betty works full time as a travel agent.

Other news from Connie: en route to Edisto, she and Andy spent the weekend with **Jean Ryan Farrell** and Frank in Atlanta. Jean's 90-year-old mother now lives with them, and Jean has the full time responsibility for her. They have three sons, two in Atlanta and one in Oslo, Norway, where he is responsible for building Coca Cola plants in Europe and Russia. Youngest son, David, is single and works for IBM. Jean looks the same (wonderful!) and they were grateful that the tornado, which came through the northern suburbs, missed their house by less than a mile.

Connie and Andy have seen a lot of **Janie Riles** this year. She turned over her San Diego, Calif., house to them for Christmas so they could spend it with their daughter and husband, who have a tiny apartment in Long Beach. Janie went to Ft. Lauderdale to be with her dad, daughters, and other family. A month later Connie and Andy went back to California to ski at Squaw Valley, and Janie joined them for the last few days. They planned to see her again the end of July when they were to return from a trip to Australia and Fiji and "crash" at her house for a couple of days. Janie's younger daughter, Marguerite, has recently become engaged with wedding plans for May '99. Annelise was married last year. Connie sees **Barbara Kellam Latham** '64 often when she works out at a fitness center in Wilmington, Del. Her younger daughter, **Sarah**, an MWC grad, works in the White House as an assistant to the deputy chief of staff and was planning to go to China with President Clinton in June!

Connie got an e-mail from **Betsey-Ellen Hueston Hansen** '62, who lives in Stafford and works at MWC in the Writing Center and is the Class Notes editor for *MWC TODAY*. She is divorced, has two children, two grandchildren, and has brought her widowed mother to live with her. She loves her jobs and living in that area.

1962

Ann Tench Huml
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1963

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From Ginger:

We had a surprise visit from **Linkey Booth Green** and husband David the Thursday after reunion. I was sorry not to be able to attend. Linkey regaled me with reunion happenings and an update on all of you who attended. We had a great visit.

From Linkey:

As I write this, just two weeks have passed since our reunion at MWC. The 24 of us who were there had a grand time but wish more of you had been able to join us. **Sally Abbott Pomputius**

brought along a friend from Springfield, Ohio, who had such a good time she said she'd be back for the 40th! Sally is a family practice physician, who, in 1993, was named among the top 10 family physicians in the U.S. by the AAFP. Part of her practice includes being medical director for a nursing facility with an Alzheimer's unit. Sally and her husband, who have four children and one grandchild, have a bright red sports car and enjoy ballroom dancing.

Pat Branstetter Revere and husband James came from Richmond for reunion. She volunteers for various organizations, enjoys sailing, travel and art collecting. He is a dentist who teaches at the dental school in Richmond. They have two children. Other classmates who came up from Richmond are **Dorothy Cagle Kay**, **Kitty Shannon** and **Eleanor Powell Darden**. Kitty retired from 25 years of civil service work in Washington, D.C., spent some time in Texas and finally has settled in Virginia. Eleanor taught elementary school for 21 years, and then at age 40, met and married a widowed general surgeon, who has two teen-age sons. Eleanor enjoys art history, bridge and travel. She was headed to London the week after reunion.

Other Virginia classmates attending included **Jane Gholson Lanham**, **Suellen Grant Knowles**, **Carolyn Pollard Nelson** and **Mary Saunders Latimer**. Jane and husband Bob, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary last August, have three children and one grandson. Jane, who lives in Vienna, has retired, so she has plenty of time for quilting, collecting stoneware and pottery and antiquing. Suellen lives in Alexandria, where she has been involved in education for many years. We are very proud that Suellen is presently serving on the Board of Visitors for MWC, and she was able to share some current and interesting statistics about the College and the incoming freshman class. Carolyn said that she went to Dahlgren after graduation to work as a mathematician and has been there ever since. She plans to retire soon, which will give her more time for gardening, her church's outreach committee and her investment club. Carolyn has two daughters and a son.

Mary Ainsle lives in Suffolk and has a daughter and granddaughter. She has retired from elementary school music teaching and enjoys gardening, traveling, church work and chorus. She keeps in touch with our lovely May queen, **Sara Tarrant Bernert**, who lives in Richmond. Sara, recently recovered from a double pelvic fracture, has a daughter and one granddaughter.

Other Virginians in attendance were **Linda Scheerer Doyle**, **Lois Smith McDaniel**, **Linda Vogt Musselman** and **Martha "Marty" Van Zandt Fickett**. Linda Doyle lives in Falls Church and her children are nearby. Lois, debating about retiring from teaching, is still taking students to Europe each summer with the People to People program. Her husband has retired from the Navy, and they live in Fairfax. Linda Musselman and Marty both live in Fredericksburg. Linda was the organizer for our class reunion, and she did a wonderful job! Marty is a professor of music at MWC, and her husband, Lewis, is Distinguished Professor Emeritus. They have one son.

Palmer Walbridge Davies, **Julia Burch Southall** and **Barbara Moore Wheeler** all came from North Carolina. Palmer, who went by Sue in college, now lives in Wilmington, N.C., where she has gotten into real estate. Her son is a Harrier pilot for the Marine Corps at Cherry Point, which enables Palmer to see her two grandchildren often. Her daughter works and goes to college in New Jersey. Julie lives in Greensboro, N.C., and Barbara in Charlotte. Barbara has three sons, who are all married. She and her husband have been married 36 years and love to travel. They have bought property in Virginia, where they plan to settle when he retires next year.

Susan Woodward Kilborn and **Lani St. John Rakow** both came from Maryland. Susan lives in Chevy Chase and Lani in Berlin, which is on the Eastern Shore. Her husband has retired from the Marine Corps, and she is happy to be settled in one place.

Sallie Granger Daughtrey and **Gloria Moskowitz Fischel** live in Medford and Cherry Hill, N.J., respectively. Sallie's husband has retired, and she is about ready to retire from tax preparation and spend more time playing golf. They have two children. Gloria still works for American Express in the travel section, so she has seen much of the world. She says she has been on every continent except Antarctica. Gloria has a significant other, who is retired, so has time to take good care of her. She has two daughters, one of whom will marry in April '99.

Two other attendees were **Jewel West Norman** and **Nancy Slonim Aronie**. I can't remember where Jewel lives, so will have to get that to you all next time. Nancy is living on Martha's Vineyard, where she conducts the Chilmark Writing Workshop. She has written and published *Writing From The Heart,* which was for sale at reunion, and Nancy did a book signing. Joel was with her, and they have two sons. Nancy still does pieces on NPR's "All Things Considered" from time to time.

Betsy Lydle Smith came the farthest distance to reunion. She and Pete continue to live near Seattle, Wash., where Betsy is director of the ArtStar Association, which provides arts and enrichment programs for children. She also serves as a facilitator for The Virtues Project, which is an initiative to encourage people to live by the virtues and their highest values.

Linda Vogt Musselman gave me a note from **Mary Lee Tate Roberts**, who lives in Rome, Ga., with husband Pete. They have two daughters and a grandson who live in the Atlanta area, so they can all see each other often. Mary Lee volunteers at the Greater Rome Convention and Visitors Bureau, and she enjoys skiing and walking.

After leaving Fredericksburg, David and I headed to Maine to visit our daughter, Tracy, and her husband, Chip. While in Maine, we visited with **Ginger Logie Carr** and Cal in Boothbay. They retired there two years ago and love it. Their house is on the water and quite near Palmer Walbridge's parents. Small world! Ginger has continued to offer her expertise to the Maine Botanical Society, and, I believe, is serving as its president.

From Maine, we traveled to Rhode Island, where we spent four days with **Karen Vandeventer Chapman** and Kurt. Their new home in Westerly is lovely, and every window on the back of the house has a view of the Atlantic Ocean. Karen continues to enjoy tennis and bridge while working full time as a middle school librarian in Mystic, Conn. Her daughter, Kirsten, has moved to California, while son Paul remains in Boston and will be married in August. Karen and I met **Carol Van Ness Clapp** in Newport, R.I., for lunch and a tour of Hammersmith Farm, where Jackie Kennedy grew up. Carol and Dick have a summer/future retirement home on Cape Cod and live in McLean, Va., the rest of the time. Their daughter now works in Boston and their son in Vermont. Carol said she saw **Diane Lovewell Suiters** at a meeting with one of her volunteer organizations.

I will be attending **Jeanne Chabot Wallis**'s son's wedding in a week. This will be Jeanne's and my first get-together since my daughter's wedding six years ago. Jeanne and Wally still live in Fairfax.

There has been a lot of news to share, and I haven't remembered even half of what I heard at reunion. Please do drop a note or e-mail as I am continuing as class agent for the next five years. We thought of many of you at reunion and hope that you got our vibes and will be with us for the 40th! Put that on your calendar now! See you in 2003!

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It's been only a few months since I got online, and there's already a significant increase in correspondence. The first to respond via e-mail was **Jana Privette Usry**, who is still coping with the demands of the special-ed classroom while trying to launch her own business as a court-certified mediator. She started a successful peer mediation program in her school and is excited about extending the service commercially. After 30 years in the classroom, it's time for a change. Jana is also excited about all the improvements to our campus, which were described to her at the Alumni Leadership Conference last fall. It is a fitting memorial to Dr. Simpson, who was such a positive influence to us all, to have MWC thriving and expanding.

As retirement becomes a viable option, **Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann** is looking for activities outside of her classroom to ease the transition when she does make the change. She traveled to Houston several times last winter to be with her parents through her father's terminal illness. She thinks traveling with her mother would be good for them both, except that husband Bob would be left home alone. Our sincere condolences, Bobbi, on the loss of your father.

Bobbi frequently corresponds with **Ginny Bateman Brinkley**, who is still in Florida writing, publishing books and keeping up with her expanding family, soon to include the fifth grandchild. Ginny and her partner have published two new books, *Baby and Me* and *Pregnancy to Parenthood*, which have been very well received. While traveling to meetings and conferences in Chicago, New York and San Diego, they have had some time to visit. **Dee Dee Nottingham Ward** took a day away from her CPA firm to shop and take them to a resort in Mexico — a real treat. Dee Dee and Ginny compared notes on grandparenthood, now that Dee Dee has a beautiful granddaughter. Ginny and her husband are hoping that her books will be successful enough for him to retire from his position as director of accounting for the Haskell Company.

Ginny also relays greetings from **Mary Wright Day**, **Brenda Lay Crowley**, **Judy Blum Wasserman** and **Elaine Gerlach McKelly**. Both Judy and Elaine have had grandbabies, too, this past year. Elaine wrote that she has spent two years in the marketing department of an association for engineers and technicians, putting out a couple of magazines and running an annu-

al trade show. She and her husband moved to North Carolina over five years ago. She had been out of teaching since she joined AT&T in 1984 and likes her recent career move very much. Having two new grandchildren three months apart has added an exciting new dimension to her life, too.

Linda Spangler Berkheimer writes from Frederick, Md., that all three of her children are married and live nearby, so she enjoys a lot of family time. Spang has two grandsons. She shares day care for the baby with his other grandmother and loves it. The baby's mother, Spang's daughter, **Karen**, graduated from MWC in 1990.

Spang keeps in touch with: **Mary Parsons Black**, who is still stationed in Spain with husband Ron; **Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner**, who continues to live and work in Alexandria, Va.; **Annette Maddra Horner** of Wynnewood, Pa.; and **Liz Almy Davis**, in Huntingdon Valley, Pa. Liz writes that she has been a jack-of-all-trades over the years. For the past eight years Liz has been very content as a dental assistant, perhaps following in her grandfather's footsteps — he was a dentist. Liz and Dick have one son, Jeff, who is now a senior in high school.

Yvonne March has transferred from Arlington, Va., to Miami, Fla. She continues to work for the FBI and is close to many family members.

Carolyn Perry Grow has relocated to Keswick, Va., near Charlottesville, which is becoming a popular retirement spot. She is doing some part-time teaching in computing at both U.Va. and Piedmont Virginia Community College, thus keeping involved with technology without the stress of a full-time position. Carolyn also enjoys volunteering at Monticello and trying to improve her golf game. Husband Dave has established an American Express financial planning business, so they are both very happy in their second careers.

Carol met **Nancy Alford Newell** at an MWC gathering last year and reports that she and her second husband live in Wintergreen, actually Nellysford, Va. Nancy's son is also a graduate of MWC and was working in the alumni office at that time. Carol mentioned, too, that **Pat Thompson Greenwald** and her husband are moving back to Maryland after spending three years in Hawaii. She also included an article from the Charlottesville paper about **Elizabeth Robinson Lewis**, who died peacefully in February at the hospice unit of Martha Jefferson Hospital. Elizabeth had been a Vietnamese language codebreaker for the NSA during the Vietnam war, was a regional sales manager for American Express in the Caribbean, and, more recently, had worked and volunteered in Charlottesville as a swimming instructor, choir member and substitute teacher. She had married Thom Lewis in 1997 after an extended courtship. Our sincere condolences to her family.

Winnie Woodson Stribling forwarded a photo of daughter Sarah surrounded by her Beanie Baby collection and looking very much like a 10-year-old replica of Winnie herself. Winnie continues her work in special ed in the early start program for at-risk infants and toddlers. She'd love to think of early retirement, in order to spend more time with Sarah, husband Brad, and Baroque music in Alamo, Calif. Son Jeff has completed his Ph.D. in wireless communication electrical engineering at Stanford and enjoys joining the family at their cabin at Tahoe. His wedding was scheduled right after graduation, so Winnie has a daughter-in-law, Michelle.

Hank and I keep busy with the export licensing business, a growing number of fantastic grandchildren (we're now up to 16!), some travel, and boating activities. Our back yard has a few boats, but still not as many as **Barbara Miller Hermann**, who at last count had eight boats at her place in Tennessee. Our church recently recognized my 25th anniversary of trumpeting there, so now I'm cutting back a bit to allow more time with the grandchildren. For added fun, I have been volunteering in the third grade with our eldest grandson and am enjoying it immensely. It was a big shock to be completely out of school (retired) last fall, and this has eased the transition.

If you haven't seen the MWC Web site yet, take a look at www.mwc.edu for a pleasant surprise. And keep those letters and e-mails coming — we all enjoy hearing from you.

1967

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I am tired of finding no news for the Class of 1967 every time I open my copy of *MWC TODAY*. I hope that each of you will take the time to write me just 67 words about your families, careers or issues you would like addressed through our class news. Having talked as a group last year at our 30th Reunion, we know there is much to be shared at this point in our lives. I'll start and hope that we can recapture the exuberance and closeness we once felt.

I earned my doctorate in developmental psychology from U.Va. in 1992 and have served as the site coordinator for the U. of Virginia site of the NICHD study of early child care since then. I hold offices in the local Democratic party, the Optimist Club, and a local neighborhood association. Next month I will celebrate my two-year anniversary as a survivor of breast cancer by walking in the local Walk for the Cure. Last year my oldest son, James, and his wife had my first grandchild, Emilia. My younger son, **Chip**, is a rising junior at MWC this fall, so we compare notes about the changes on campus. My daughter, Cate, is working full time and attending classes in business at the local community college.

I run into **Maggie Stifft Price**, arts curator and program coordinator for the U. of Virginia Hospitals, when I am at the hospital. She is the 1998-99 president of the society for the arts in health care. Her oldest son has finished his second year at Denison and worked at the hospital this summer. Her youngest son planned to attend the Air Force Academy beginning June. I also keep in touch with **Patsy Grubbs Farmer** and her family in Charlotte, N.C. Patsy and Bernie's oldest daughter, Trish, practices law in Charlotte after getting her degree from Yale and law degree from UNC/Chapel Hill. Their son, Chip, graduated from U.Va. and works in real estate. Their youngest child, Sarah, just finished her first year at U.Va.

Congratulations to **Linda Todd Puller**, who received the 1998 MWC Distinguished Alumnus Award!

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A special thank-you to **Pam Tomkins Huggins** for planning the class party, and to **Cindy Long**, who did a fantastic job on our class booklet for our 30th Reunion.

We passed around a notebook at the class party and asked everyone to write a few lines for this column. Here are some of the entries:

Maureen Murphy McCart is alumnae director of a small Catholic girls' school in Baltimore. Her daughter has an M.Ed. degree and works for Lynchburg College, and her son is a law student at U.Va.

Judy Jackson Gryctko is office manager of a psychiatric practice in Richmond. She has taught Latin and English-as-a-second-language and sold residential real estate. Husband Ben is a sales and marketing director. Her hobbies include golf, reading and gardening.

Susi Sears Perry teaches Spanish in Tappahannock, Va., and is married to a former educator/school administrator. They have four children, six grandchildren, a dog and a cat. She's trying to keep up with her field and slip in some technology training, which she notes is hard to escape in the field of education these days.

Kristina Krstulich Hoyer is a secondary-school teacher of Shakespeare and creative writing in Altoona, Pa. She wrote, "I am happily now 52 going on 22, instead of when I was in college and 22 going on 52. I only regret I have learned to pursue what I want so late in life, but I'm sure that applies to many of us!" Her daughter is a music teacher in Leesburg, Va., and her son is a senior at GWU majoring in poly-sci and is captain of the varsity crew.

After 23 years of Air Force life, **Sandra Wolfe Rapuzzi** and her husband landed in Dallas in 1989, where he flies for American Airlines. Son Mike got married this year and lives nearby; daughter Laura is a sophomore at Texas A&M, her brother's alma mater.

Carol Simmons van der Kieft and her husband, Mike, who is retired from Blockbuster Video, live in Fort Lauderdale and are busy renovating a home in the Bahamas. Carol remains an active volunteer and likes bridge and golf.

Sheila Spivey Hume is a self-employed podiatrist and wanted to set the record straight that she is *divorced* — her husband is not *deceased* as reported in the class reunion booklet. Sheila is very involved in animal charities and wildlife rescue. She traveled to Alaska last summer and is soon off to Costa Rica, and then to Turkey to visit former MWC roommate **Nancy Porter Atakan**. Nancy currently resides about 20 miles outside the city of Istanbul, where her family owns a golf course and equestrian complex. Her art work takes up much of her time, and she says that she has "finally settled down to do what I love — conceptual works that point out problems or begin a dialogue." She travels to the States frequently and would love to hear from classmates.

Margaret "Peggy" Massman Howe is a practicing artist in Charleston, S.C. She is well-known for her classic nudes, and her work is displayed in the S.C. State Museum and Gibbes Museum in Charleston. Husband Ray McClain is an attorney; son Daniel is 13.

Anne Fitzhugh Nichols is a medical secretary in Allen, Mo. She is married, has two children and two beautiful grandchildren. She enjoys camping, boating, aerobics, reading, and spending time with her family. She's looking forward to her husband's 20th high-school reunion!

Georgia Wahl has worked for Visa International in computer operations for the last 12 years, enabling her to travel to California, to visit **Suzanne Van Ness**, as well as England and Japan. Her family still resides in Charlottesville.

Murry Holland Franklin lives in Centreville, Va., with husband Steve. Son Kevin just finished his first year at James Madison; son Brian graduated from Longwood and is married.

Judith Hirschbiel Colison retired last February after 30 years of federal service. She designed and built her townhouse in Occoquan in 1996. She has recently started a wedding coordinator business, after serving as her church's coordinator for over 15 years. Her hobbies include singing in church and community choirs, traveling and bridge.

Lynn "Henry" Belcher Fox lives in Dallas Center, Iowa, 30 miles west of Des Moines. She

said, "It's on the way to everywhere — so stop in!" She and husband Jim, an insurance salesman, have four children, aged 31 to 15, and Lynn is enjoying her volunteer work and involvement with home, family and church.

Laurie Walters Shepherd has lived for the last 15 years in Blacksburg, Va., where her husband is an ER physician at Radford Hospital, and she is a preschool teacher. They have four children (two boys and two girls) who range in age from 23 to 13. She invites anyone with kids at Virginia Tech to stop in — they have a spare room!

Minneapolis has been home for **Janice Bryant Lotterhos** for the last 12 years. Husband Lieb is manager of 747 flight procedures for Northwest Airlines. They have two daughters: Beth is attending community college to become an EMT; Erika is a riding instructor and looks forward to enrolling in art school after completing high school. Janice is in the process of becoming a graduate gemologist and lifts weights three times a week. She says, "Life does begin (again) after 50!"

Marilyn Wheeler Hiatt lives in Silver Spring, Md., with husband Bob, who works for the Library of Congress, and son Jeremy, a senior at Ursinus College in Pennsylvania. Currently she is an instructional assistant at a nearby elementary school, assessing and working with small groups of students, occasionally in Spanish. She says she may get certification for ESOL, but "can't see how it would increase my satisfaction level. Life is good!"

"After 30 years as a social worker, 16 of it in private practice, I am ready to try something different. Any suggestions?" wonders **Anne Tooke**. She wants everyone to know that her MWC roommate, **Cecilia "Cissi" Brim Straus**, has a book coming out this fall — *Prayers from the Pillow*.

Carter Stubbs Drake is a Latin teacher at Rockbridge County High School. She earned an MAT in Latin from The College of William and Mary in 1980 and is working on a CAS at Hollins College. She has received several teaching awards, and her interests include classical associations, local church activities, horseback riding, reading, cooking, gardening and photography.

Bonnie Vourneen Kelley came from Davis, Calif., to attend the reunion and said, "I wouldn't have missed this for the world!" **Jean "Coopie" Cooper Cogswell** lives in Northern Virginia with her husband and three sons.

Jean Eley Thompson is facing an empty nest as her only child enters college in fall 1998. She wrote, "Reunion 1998 was great, and for those of you who didn't come, shame on you! See you again in 2003, when I will be retired after 33 years as a teacher/counselor."

I managed to add a little excitement to the reunion by announcing that I was a newlywed. Ash Asensio, to whom I was married from 1969 to 1989 the first time, and I were remarried on Valentine's Day and have consolidated households in Palm Desert, Calif. We spent last Christmas in Australia visiting our son, Todd, a travel agent in Melbourne, and returned home just in time to welcome our first grandchild, Madison, the daughter of our daughter, Anne, and her husband, Jason, who live in Denver.

If you were unable to attend the reunion, your classmates missed seeing you and are eagerly awaiting news of your life and whereabouts.

Michele Berger McQuigg e-mailed me from Woodbridge, Va., where she has lived since 1973 with her husband of 30 years, Clancy. Michele has taught first grade and adults, managed computer operations, and been a real estate broker. She is serving her second term on the Prince William County board of supervisors, and was recently appointed by the governor to the board of visitors of George Mason U. Daughters Heather and Katie have graduated from college and married, and Katie's son is Michele's first grandchild.

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From **Susan Duffey DiMaina**:

This past spring I had the pleasure of getting together on two different occasions with Class of '70 women. In March, **Suzanne Ferguson Buchanan** traveled from North Carolina and **Dinah McGuire Douglas** came from Charlottesville to meet **Elaine Wilson Maloney**, **Tina Kormanski Krause**, **Barbara Pratt**, **Gabby Pagin Ficklin**, **Kathy Thiel** and **Jean Burgess Botts** for dinner at a restaurant in Northern Virginia. The food was good, but the catching-up, reminiscing and subsequent roars of laughter were even better. Fortunately, we had a private room in the restaurant.

In April, **Carolyn Woodruff Rogers**, **Karen Anderson Muszynski**, **Barbara Bingley**, **Laurie King Myse** and I spent the night in the lap of luxury at a Ritz-Carlton in Northern Virginia and had our own mini-reunion. We were especially touched by Carolyn's effort to be with us — she drove seven hours from Rock Hill, N.C. We had a similar reunion a few years ago — **Francie Cone Caldwell** was able to attend our first one, but missed this event when she sold her house in Hampton a few days before we were to meet; she and her family are now living in Richmond.

My last call-for-news postcard netted 11 responses; thanks to those who wrote, and remember that we'd like to hear from those of you who haven't written lately.

From Wirtz, Va., **Brenda Jennings Louthian** writes that she has made some recent visits to a friend in Fredericksburg, and that the MWC campus "looks beautiful!" Brenda mentions that her daughter is at Ferrum College majoring in agriculture and her twins are 17. She further reports that she went to JMU for two weeks of training and received her Level 1 Orff certification (she is a music teacher) and noted "the total cost was equivalent to our first year's college tuition at MWC!" At another workshop, Brenda got to "renew a friendship with a fellow music major," **Mary Ann Martin Lowery**, who also teaches elementary music in Chesterfield County, Va.

After four years in Florida, **Carole LaMonica Clark** says that she and Ted "really miss the change of seasons," so they've moved to Boone, N.C., and are looking for some property on which to build. She writes: "We fell in love with the town and the beauty of the mountains." She and Ted are quickly making friends through the newcomers club and have joined the wellness center and "started working out again — it feels good."

Barbara Forgione Tansey mentions a subject that is recurring in many letters — providing help and support to elderly parents, who need us more and more as they age. She has been helping her own father relocate to a retirement community, where her husband's parents live. Barbara mentioned that her husband, Bruce, was leaving USPA and IRA and would soon be working for H & R Block. Barbara just celebrated eight years of working for the president of Group 1 Software, which, she says, is a varied and challenging job — whether she is "organizing a company dinner for 350 people or proofreading marketing literature."

Living on the ocean in Virginia Beach adjacent to Seashore State Park, **Brenda Martin Butler** says that "both are wonderful for contemplative walks." Since, by her own admission, she hasn't sent any info for the class notes, she catches us up: "I've been working as controller for Newport News Inc., a catalog subsidiary of Spiegel Inc., for the last 10 years. I work in our NYC corporate office a week each month, which is great since my sister has a literary agency there. Manhattan's like a second home." Brenda's 18-year-old son, Colin, was doing the college search when she wrote. She also mentions that her "joys" outside of family and work are canoeing, hiking, biking and studying metaphysics.

Another name that I hadn't heard in years was that of **Sue Keblusek**. After MWC she went to U. of Florida to complete her master's degree in speech pathology, then worked for three years in the Ft. Lauderdale school system, spending her summers in Wisconsin teaching swimming and scuba diving at a summer camp. She then got a job overseas with the Department of Defense schools and worked in Darmstadt, Germany, at the elementary and junior high levels before transferring to the Landstuhl Army Medical Center, near Ramstein Air Force Base, to head the speech pathology service for seven years. Sue admits that the traveling was great, but she was ready to return to the States, so in 1983 she took a position at the Oakland Naval Hospital in California. She is now at the VA medical center in the San Francisco Bay area. She lives in Alameda, "which is actually an island in the San Francisco Bay next to Oakland." Sue loves "the weather and living near the water with the mountains and Lake Tahoe three hours away." She also enjoys seeing MWC rated so highly in the national news magazines.

Martha Pickard Zink is a faithful correspondent. Her newsy letters from Ruxton, Md., are packed with great travels and varied activities. Martha paints and does antiques seminars, and she and Rip love golfing and white-water rafting — this time near Vail. She mentioned that her book club read *Gods and Generals*, which she highly recommends.

Another excellent correspondent, **Catharine Rossi Mannering**, sends news that her B & B, in its third year on Cypress Creek in Texas, is "really taking off" with many returning guests. Catharine is teaching reading part time to seventh and eighth graders and is also working at the high school with some special education students. Her son, his wife, and two children will soon be moving to their area, and Catharine is looking forward to seeing them more often. She and husband Jerry, a Civil War history buff, made a trip to Virginia last summer and "finally had the opportunity to visit many of the battlefields that he had been reading about for so long." Jerry is getting his master's in history at U. of Texas/San Antonio, and after his trip he enjoyed doing a research paper on the Battle of Gaines's Mill, just outside of Richmond. Of course, they visited MWC, too, and found it "as beautiful as ever."

Jane Bourdow hasn't checked in with us for 15 or 20 years. She says, "I'm one of those rare folks who has actually been using my major since graduation" working as a church musician. Since 1982 Jane has been the organist and choirmaster at an Episcopal church in Alexandria, Va., and a piano teacher. In addition, she has done some performing up and down the East Coast and has done several organ recordings for National Public Radio in the past few years. In June 1997

she attended a conference for the Association of Anglican Musicians in London and Oxford and comments, "The dorms we stayed in in Oxford made Virginia and Willard seem quite palatial, although their exteriors exuded a bit more history." Jane added that in her spare time she is "learning to be a computer nerd, doing cross-stitch and supporting the Virginia wine industry."

Another Virginia resident, **Frimalee Kaplan Nowicki**, is quite a traveler — in the last couple years she has gone to New Zealand, where she and husband Vince stayed on a sheep farm, and Turkey, where she describes the scenery as spectacular and the people as wonderful. Closer to home, they visited upstate New York, Washington state, Idaho and Nags Head, N.C., where Vince went hang gliding!

Gretchen Gregory Davis, in Chesterfield, Mo., is proud of son Greg, who was selected as a National Merit finalist, decided to go to William and Mary and was named a James Monroe Scholar. Coincidence: Greg is living several doors down the hall from the daughter of Gretchen's MWC roommate, **Kathy Hichak Sikes**. Gretchen is the president of the Junior League of Saint Louis — a full-time volunteer position — and she hopes to sit for the CPA exam soon.

From Colorado, **Kathy Horstkamp Beach** says she still stays in touch with her two roomies: **Donna Brown Coe**, who teaches, writes educational materials and lives in Fairfax, Va., and **Kay Schutte Flohre**, who has three great kids, but is experiencing "empty nest" syndrome with husband Ralph in Virginia Beach, Va. Kathy moved to Colorado in 1985 and "wept at the modern architecture," subsequently building a Virginia farmhouse in 1988 that overlooks miles of open space. They also have a ski condo less than two hours away, so they can take advantage of areas like Vail and Breckenridge for skiing and use those new snowshoes she and husband Dave got for Christmas. Kathy teaches high-school English and advises the newspaper staff. She and Dave have three children — son David recently graduated cum laude from Colorado State U. in applied math and computer science, daughter Melissa is majoring in English there, and 14-year-old Stephanie is a soccer player and pianist.

Don't forget to send news to our new class agent, Kathryn Abel Wiggins.

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The postcards that the Alumni Association mailed for me proved to be a valuable resource. If you got one but didn't send me an update on what's happening with you, please do so today!

Donna Calve Chiffriller has spent the last 21 years with GTE Corporation, beginning in the insurance claims department. She is assistant vice president of benefit and employee relations planning. She loves her job — especially since she met her husband, Tom, at GTE — and has lived in Chicago as well as her native Connecticut. By the end of the year, the Chiffrillers will relocate to Dallas, with plans for a Caribbean retirement, when the time comes.

Sherrie Mitchell Boone reports that 1997 was exceptionally busy — she made an unsuccessful run for school board and has developed an interest in e-mail. Sherrie and her family spent 16 days in Jamaica last summer and hope to make this relaxing trip an annual event. Her daughter is a freshman at Radford, and her son is a high school freshman.

Nancy Mahone Miller serves on the board of directors of the Scottish Society of Tidewater and is a genealogist for Clan Ramsay, North America. This interest may have something to do with the Millers spending time in Scotland last summer. They drove 2,000 miles from Glasgow to the Isle of Skye and then up into the highlands. Sounds wonderful!

Last summer Steve and I and our teen-age daughters toured Amsterdam, Paris and London — a wonderful reminder of our trip there, sans girls, in 1977. This summer I'm packing Claire off to U. of Arizona, where it's quite huge and coed — nothing like the experience I had 30 years ago, when I entered Mary Wash and met so many of the Class of 1972.

Please fill me in on what's happening in your lives.

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Only one day after my last deadline, I received a letter from **Joanna Pinneo**, hoping that she wasn't too late! Sorry Joanna, but I saved all your exciting news for this issue. After living in the D.C. area for years and moving to St. Petersburg, Fla., for a couple years, Joanna now lives in Boulder, Colo. She is one of the people in Hara's photography class that has very successfully carved a career as a freelance photographer. Her most recent publication at the time was an article about the Inuit peoples of the Canadian Arctic that appeared in the September 1997 issue of *National Geographic*, her main client. This wonderful career has enabled her to travel many places, but she apparently is very happy to call Boulder home.

Another world traveler wrote in March to say that her husband had "finally retired" from the Air Force, and she moved back to Northern Virginia from Tampa, Fla. — **Daphne Johnston Elliott**. Well, Daphne, welcome back.

I have been doing something that, to my best knowledge, no one else from the Class of '76 has done recently. I have returned to those hallowed halls to begin a very slow pursuit of a second major. As I explain to everyone, "If it had been offered when I was here the first time, I would have majored in it then." In 1986 the Department of Historic Preservation and the Center for Historic Preservation were established, and at the time there were very few institutes of higher learning that offered an undergraduate degree in the discipline. They are housed in Trinkle Hall, which is, of course, no longer the library. Because it is one of the hottest majors on campus, our alma mater is turning out many preservationists, who are finding many opportunities to pursue their careers all over this country and the world. I am too old and have too many commitments at this time (soccer mom, baseball mom, and band mom) to seek employment very far from home, but this is Virginia, and I really don't have to go far.

Last October, I attended the Alumni Leadership Conference at MWC. It was a wonderful experience to meet and talk to several familiar people from classes close to ours, as well as alumni, the Board of Visitors and several representatives from different departments and offices, including Dr. Anderson, who was returning to work after his recovery. You will be pleased to know that MWC is at present a very desirable college destination. This year there is a record number of applicants and a record number of early admissions. I hope that some of you are responsible for recruiting some of the members of the Class of 2002.

Please, write to me with your news immediately upon reading this.

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From Vicki:

Susan Herb Child writes that she and her husband of 18 years are living near Houston, Texas, and stay busy with children, Tristan and Jennifer. Susan is in her fifth year of teaching fourth-graders at a private school; and she reports that she is constantly impressed with her students' talents, intelligence, and the ambitious goals they have set for themselves. Susan also says that, since she has been living in Texas, she has amassed a tremendous knowledge of American history!

Our newlywed screenwriter, **Mary Byrd**, reports that, at the time of this writing, she was uncertain as to whether "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" would be picked up for next season. Meanwhile, she is interviewing with other shows. Mary was planning a reunion with her MWC roommate, **Emily Cole**, in San Francisco, where Emily was attending a conference for the American Institute of Architects. They were going to spend a few days driving up the California coast together.

Sue Lind Relyea definitely gets our MWC class volunteer award, as she spends her days teaching Bible study fellowship, cooking lunch for senior citizens, co-leading a Girl Scout troop, counseling at a pregnancy center, and working at her daughter's preschool! She reports that most of her activities end for summer break — she will definitely need some time off! Sue's oldest daughter graduated from high school in June and was one of the top 10 recipients of a scholarship to attend Virginia Weslyan. Sue invites any of her classmates to stop by for a swim or a trip to the beach if they are in the New Jersey area!

Kathleen Williams Pyrce is still in the Atlanta

area and is busy being a preschool mom and caring for her new Westie puppy. She and daughter Mariah are planning trips both south and north over the summer. Kathleen has also become involved with the Leukemia Society of America's fund-raising tennis tournament in Atlanta, an event dedicated to the cure of leukemia. Mary Byrd helped by donating some items for the event's silent auction. Kathleen enjoyed visiting with **Pamela Davis** when she was in Atlanta for a convention. And she also reminds us that **Victoria Geis Mumford** was expecting a new baby any day!

I hooked up with **Terrie Martin Dort**, **Pamela Roberts Albrecht** and **Jo McTague Townsend** in late February for a long girls' weekend on Miami Beach. We stayed at the beautiful Fontainebleu Hilton and totally immersed ourselves in sun and surf, exotic refreshments and non-stop chatter. One night we dined at Madonna's restaurant; and another evening we were seated next to Jane Pauley and husband Gary Trudeau. Of course, we had to strike up a conversation and ended up giggling with Jane over our college antics. Only later did we realize who her husband was, and that we had completely ignored him! We could have asked him to draw us a Doonesbury cartoon!

Please continue to send information about yourself and any classmates that you are in touch with. I love hearing from you.

1978

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Howdy everyone! If you weren't with us for reunion weekend, you really missed a good time! We had a great turnout, but many of you were missing and were truly missed. The news I'm including is mostly from the questionnaires filled out for the reunion booklet. Remember, if you don't write, I can't share it in the class notes.

Robin Goetz Brooks lives in Locust Grove, Va., with husband Dale and two boys. She is a supervisor at Fredericksburg social services. **Beth Warner-Faust** is still in Virginia Beach working as a manager at Hecht's Lynnhaven Mall. Beth brought her two beautiful long-legged daughters with her. They seemed to survive the old foggies getting together to chat about old times.

Karen Vogen Gayle lives and teaches in Miami, Fla. She was named 1995 Teacher of the Year. Way to go, Karen! She is also the grant writer and science and technology coordinator at a high tech/soft touch school. **Diane O'Connor Fagiola** works in public relations in Locust Valley, N.Y. She has two children and has been married to Bob for 19 years! **Ellen Jagiello Bellia** lives in Randolph, N.J., and works for Macy's in the visual design department. She has two children and has been married to her high school sweetheart for 19 years.

Linda Bagnal was ordained in 1994 and is now serving the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in East Hartford, Conn. **Deby Cox Bigdely** is an interviewer for VEC and has three kids. She has been married to Bill since 1980. **Kim Barlow Hoffman** survived the tornado that hit her nursery business in Spotsylvania, Va., and stays busy with business, husband, mother-in-law and the MWC local chapter.

Sue McCloud didn't know her husband-to-be, John, when he was at MWC. Last spring they both graduated again from MWC with M.A.L.S. degrees. They are both teaching at North Stafford High School, and they have two boys. **Vicki Fotopoulos** is still working for AT&T — this makes 20 years! She has traveled to Greece, Cancun, Russia and Istanbul. No wonder she's staying with this job!

Carolyn Davies Wesley lives in Vienna, Va., with husband Don and two children. **Sarah McCracken Henderson** lives in Kissimmee, Fla., and teaches theater in the public schools. She has been to Europe twice and performed in the Edinburg Festival in Scotland in 1989. Husband John is an emergency medical technician at Disney World. **Bobbi Rollins Shammas** is still in Richmond and works for the IRS. She sings in her church choir and serves on the adult education committee.

Alice Schermerhorn Raines is homeschooling her three kids in Stafford, Va. She enjoys spinning Angora from her five rabbits and being a mom on the run. **Lucy Eppes Swanson** is in Winter Park, Fla., with her husband and son. She enjoys cross-stitch, antiques, swimming and collecting swans. **Hilda Bennett Altman** lives in Unionville, Va., and teaches at Locust Grove Elementary School. She's a Brownie leader and is active at church.

Susan DuBois Burnette is a nursery school director in Glen Allen, Va. She and Don have three children. **Cindy Drury Clark** lives in Norwalk, Conn., and is president and CEO of Delightfully Yours, her corporate gift company. She and Jim have three feline children. She enjoys tennis, biking and working out. **Ann Conway Wenger** lives in Harrisonburg, Va., with Mike and their four children. She works with at-risk children to prepare them for kindergarten. Her brother was getting married in Indiana, so she was unable to attend reunion.

Kathy Mayer Rugh works part time as an aide at the Dolley Madison Preschool in McLean, Va. She also works part time for Smith & Hawken. She's active in the DAR, the PTO and Brownies. **Cindy Reeves Mohr** lives in Roanoke, Va., with Tom and son William. She stays busy reading, doing needlework and "surfin' the net." **Amy Sturgis Darby** lives in Assawoman, Va., and teaches at Broadwater Academy. She and Frederick have two children. She enjoys cake decorating, water skiing, boating and cross-stitch.

Margaret Tillery Bell is a church organist and piano teacher in Farmington Hills, Mich. She has three children with her husband, Doug. **Tina Trotta** has been performing during the past seven years in her classic rock band, Tina and the Bad Boys, in clubs in Maine, Connecticut and Rhode Island. She is a home health aide and has two children. **Martha Weaver Campbell** is a litigation paralegal in Lynchburg, Va., where she lives with her husband and daughter. **Ranelle Weeks Flurie** is the owner, founder and artistic director of Ballet and All That Jazz in Hagerstown, Md. She and Michael have two children. Her dance school recital was the weekend of reunion — we know she had a good reason for not coming.

At our class party we collected $100 to donate to the Alumni Association in memory of our deceased class members: **Lisa Barthellow Hearey**, **Suzanne Gregory Abel**, **Jeff John**, **Billie Payne** and **Kay Trent Titus**. If you know of any that we missed, please let me know.

Our next reunion will be our 25th. Please plan to be there. Your reunion coordinator is Kathy Mayer Rugh, booklet editor is Cindy Reeves Mohr (she's got this thing down, now) and I will remain as class agent. Until next time...

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From Marcia:

Reunion weekend in May was glorious! Catching up with friends and remembering old times was the order of the day.

After winging in from Louisville that morning, I drove to Fredericksburg and promptly ran into **Barbara Balogh** at the bookstore. As we walked to the new library and Jepson Center, Barbara told me she relocated to Waynesboro and works in a family law practice. She plans to do some traveling soon, possibly to Europe. Next I saw **Cathy Cooke** near ACL with **Becky Hobbs Shermer**. Cathy is fresh from being cast in "Steel Magnolias" at Dogwood Dell, one of the several roles she has undertaken in the acting field. She is winding up her work for the Department of Internal Medicine at MCV-VCU in the division of quality disease prevention/nutrition. Cathy is also involved in a statewide cancer prevention survey. Becky brought her adorable 2-month-old daughter, Sydney, who looks almost exactly like her mother.

A little later I ran into **Ursula Coleman-Walker** and **Harolyn Berry Bland** near Ball Circle. They were waiting for **Mabel Royal**, who drove from North Carolina to attend. Ursula works for McLane Company as part of the management team, and Harolyn is at AT&T. During the buffet lunch, I spoke to **Joe Davoli**, who left law and now lives in New York and works for Chase Manhattan in banking.

I also saw **Dave Hardin** and his wife, Elizabeth. She told me Dave is now a tenured geography professor at Longwood College. **Becky Tebault Spain** joined us at the lunch table and said she is seeking her endorsement in early childhood special education, since she already has her master's in early childhood special edu-

cation for K-12. Becky has two girls.

After lunch our class photo was taken, and then we were off to Jefferson for our class party. We saw **Judy Sweetman Borek**, who is an auditor of the International Trade Commission, and **Lindsley Bruch Murphy**, a technical lead for an electron commerce program in Reston.

Maren Bogen Reiner is still teaching at U. of Richmond. **Muffin Williamson Wilson** flew from Atlanta and drove with her former roommate, **Sharon Robertson Williamson**, who is still with Circuit City. **Tia Scales** was there with husband Michael. Tia is a governance associate with the American Psychological Association. I chatted with **Scott Harris**, who shared pictures of his handsome son, Jeff, and cute daughter, Becky. Scott's wife, **Diann** '81, is a nurse for Kaiser-Permanente. Scott is director of the Manassas Museum System and currently serves on the alumni board of directors. Scott has also served as alumni historian since 1992.

Sharon Utz Black has two daughters, Sarah and McKenzie, and is a self-employed benefits specialist. Husband Charles is in sales with Piedmont Tractor Co. **Dianne Poole Schwartz** is a supervisor in school and group sales in Colonial Williamsburg.

Betsy Pickral Molino and **Brenda Wells Crofton** were very pregnant, but having fun, nonetheless. **Farah Maynor Marks**, **Monica Rastallis Cashin**, **Terry Sckinto Hogan**, **Estie Corey Thomas** and **Susan Jones Hollister** were hanging around talking about the good old days at MWC. **Anne Rivello Darron** and I commiserated on life with three boys. After the class party, I headed back to National for my flight back to Louisville.

I finally made it to the Kentucky Derby this year after attending seven parties in 48 hours. This year, I chatted with Robert Duvall, Teri Hatcher, Dixie Carter and Hal Holbrook, but I only caught a glimpse of Niki Taylor, Jerry Springer and Bo Derek. I will serve as parent's council president for my sons' school this year and vice-president of the physician's spouse organization here in Louisville, so I will be extremely busy, and judging from those I spoke with at the reunion, who isn't?

Please write or e-mail with news. I have a list of over 30 classmates' e-mail addresses, so if you'd like to be included, please let me now!

1984

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From Linda:

Susan Hudachek received her master's in communication from American U. in January 1997. She is the senior administrator for membership/marketing for Boat U.S. in Alexandria.

James Miller received an IBM regional managers award last February (this is a big deal!). James has also been appointed to the vice president's diversity council as an employee relations advisor. On a personal note, James's wife, Amy, and his daughters, Margaret and Rosemary, continue to keep James on his toes.

Dan Steen was elected counsel for Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay in their Washington, D.C., office last February. Dan has been with the firm since 1987 and is a member of the firm's government regulatory and affairs department. Dan is also the chair of the young lawyers' section of the bar association of the District of Columbia.

In October, **Sue Scafuro Bussy** and husband Mark celebrated their one-year anniversary. They recently bought a house in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. April wedding bells rang for **Darnell Horio**, who married Edward DeMasters. **LaVonda Simpson** was a bridesmaid, and I performed a reading. In addition to LaVonda and myself, the guest list included many MWC alumni and friends. September 1997 **Dave** and **Amy Farmer** had their first child, a daughter — Reagan Leann.

A letter from **Erin Hart Hart** (who also lives on Hart Ave.) to the Alumni Association had news about several classmates. Erin owns an environmental consulting company and analytical laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., and is the Los Angeles promoter for the World Wrestling Federation. She lives in Temple City, Calif., with husband Tom and their two daughters. Her husband is a fireman and chiropractor. Erin's sister, **Tracy Hart Campbell**, who attended MWC for two semesters in 1983, recently lost her husband, Charles, in a train accident. Our sympathy goes to Tracy and her son.

Erin's roommate, **Susan McKinney Crosbie**, has been promoted to sergeant with the Prince William County Police Department. Susan and her husband have two daughters, Elizabeth and Caroline. **Audrey Berman** lives in New York City and works for Fleet Bank as a project manager. She also attends chef school and will soon go to San Diego to complete the program. **Meg Rock Reidy** and husband Henry live in Richmond, Va., with their two sons. **Eileen Leonard** '83 and her husband live in Bethpage, N.Y., with their three children.

Please send your class agents news about our class!

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From Leighann:

News has been slow this spring. After receiving her B.A. in sociology from "The Wash," **Kelly McElroy O'Hara** married Walter, earned her M.Ed. in counseling, and relocated to Macon, Ga. Their son, Riley George, was born last April. They plan to stay in Macon until 2000, when Walter completes his surgery residency. Kelly keeps in touch with **Wendy Cowan**, who is studying art conservation in England.

Keep the letters coming!

1990

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Amy Miller-Frary had a baby girl, Sarah Grace, in March. Amy and her husband live in Roanoke, where she works in advertising.

Bill Germeiman '91 and wife Olga had their third child, Andrew, in December 1997. Brad and I were chosen to be Andrew's godparents, an incredible responsibility considering our behavior during the college years.

Sean Dargan continues to have success in his musical career. Sean opened for Paula Cole in front of 17,000 people at a recent concert in Norfolk.

I quit my job to become a full-time mom. It is the best decision we have ever made. The pay isn't very good, but I get great benefits.

If you have any information, please write or call.

1991

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Greetings fellow classmates! I have tons of alum info to bring you! **Kate Bailey** lives in Fredericksburg and works as a reporter for *The Free Lance-Star* covering the police and court beat. **Liz Baumgarten** graduated from Temple Lay School in May and started as a litigation associate with Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue in Atlanta. **Lisa Bibel** lives in King George, Va. Since the birth of her daughter, Emily, she has put her teaching career on hold and now also has a son, Jesse. She has started a home daycare business that keeps her very busy. **Deanna Rohrig Bunn** lives in Northern Virginia with her husband and daughter Eliza. **Julie Booth Burkett** and her husband live in Raleigh, N.C. **Tracee M. Butler** lives in Alexandria and works as an archivist at the National Archives in College Park, Md. She completed her master's in history from GWU in January 1997. She is planning a trip to Durban, South Africa, to meet her pen pal of 14 years.

Stephanie Smythers Carr earned her master's of education in counseling and college student personnel in 1993 from JMU, where she is now the assistant director for the admissions office. She married Kenneth "Scotty" Carr in 1997, and they live outside of Harrisonburg in Dayton, Va. **Kim Cavedo**, in Richmond, Va., is working on her master's in education through Mary Baldwin College. She has a son, Chandler. **Christy Copper** has a Ph.D. in chemistry from the U. of Tennessee. She lives in Annapolis, Md., where she is an assistant professor of chemistry at the U.S. Naval Academy. She also coaches the women's tennis team there. **Anne Mehling Corbin** lives in Culpeper, Va., with her husband and daughter Scarlett Anne, born in 1993. She works as a paralegal for Robin C. Gulick, P.C. **Selina Lewis Coulbourne** lives on the Eastern Shore with husband Mark and daughter Hannah. She is a social worker for Accomack County social services.

Lisa Williamson Dargay and husband Jeff recently moved to Forest, Va. They also just welcomed Kayla Ambrose into the world in February.

Lisa enjoys staying home and spoiling Kayla rotten! **Pamela S. Davis** lives in Charlottesville, Va., and works as a seventh-grade social studies teacher and cheerleading coach. In November '96 she and her husband welcomed their first son, Colin, to the world and are now planning to move into a new house. **Carrie Lawrence Donley** finished her master's from ODU and was expecting her first child in May '98. **Megan Donnelly** lives in Arlington, Va., and works as a dental hygienist. She planned to get married in September '98 to Nick Wagner from Norfolk, Va. **Leanne Driscoll** just bought a house in Roanoke Valley, where she lives with her two dogs and one cat. She is the billing director/computer analyst for Carilion Home Care Services of S.W. Virginia. She is also a horse trainer/instructor for the local therapeutic riding program, teaching those with disabilities to ride. She recently earned her scuba diving certification.

Wendy Durst, in Boulder, Colo., returned to college to earn her teaching certificate. She looks forward to teaching her first class. In her spare time she does a lot of hiking and skating and other mountain-friendly activities. **Katy Freed Epler** earned her master's in museum education from GW and is working in the education department of the National Museum of Health and Medicine. She and **Rob Epler** '92 were married in July 1996 and live in Silver Spring, Md. **Meg Feely** lives in Richmond, Va., and works as an account supervisor for a marketing company. **Stephanie Huber Ford** lives in Dayton, Ohio, with her husband and son Jared. She is telecommuting for a transit-planning firm doing statistical analysis and desktop publishing. She and her husband are also renovating their 107-year-old home in the historic district.

Diana Glasener Gelb and her husband live in Dallas, Texas. They are working on their M.B.A.s at the U. of North Texas. Diana works for Electronic Data Systems (EDS) in the energy industry business unit as a financial analyst. **Lisa Greene**, in Atlanta, is working in human resources. **Charlie Gullo** is working on his Ph.D. in immunology from U.Va. He enjoys still being a student and gets to travel quite a lot. Besides studying and doing research, he is an avid investor in stocks and bonds and loves mountain biking. **Sarah E. Hamblin** lives in D.C. and attends Catholic U. law school. **Jacqueline Hargest**, in Arlington, Va., works in MCI's internet engineering group in Reston. She just finished a four-month solo-backpacking trip through Europe.

Susan Gray Herring, along with husband Brent and son Mark, is awaiting the arrival of the second baby in September '98. **Tracey Marsh Hess**, who lives in Philadelphia, Pa., is working as a therapist in a group home for emotionally disturbed adolescents. She completed her master's degree in community agency counseling. She and her husband were expecting their first child in August. **Caroline Groneman Hitchens** lives in Norfolk, Va., and works as a contract specialist for a naval contractor. **Aimee Hughes** lives in Barbourville, Ky., where she is an instructor of mathematics at Union College. Last summer she was planning a trip to Madrid. **Lisa Hohl Isbell** lives in Richmond, Va., and works for Circuit City. **Judy W. Johnson**, living in Warsaw, Va., with her husband and two daughters, is teaching sixth-grade reading at Richmond County Intermediate School.

Rhonda Stabler Kihistadius lives in Atlanta with her husband and two children, Sierra and Evan. She still runs in her spare time and was able to see Michael Johnson and Carl Lewis compete in the Summer Olympics that were held in Atlanta. **Greta Rudolph Kratowicz** recently moved with her husband to Kansas, where they bought a house. They celebrated the New Year by having their first child, Jeffrey, on January 1. **Stacey "Scott" Lanzillotta** lives in Arlington, Va., with her husband, three cats, an Australian shepherd and her horse. She currently works as a real estate agent. In their spare time she and her husband are remodeling their home. **Lori Bluhm Layman** currently lives in South Carolina but is planning to move back to Virginia with her husband and son Campbell soon. Right now she is working as a mortgage loan underwriter for a bank but will be a full-time mom when they move. They are also expecting their second child in November. **Cori Tilton Lewis** lives in Blacksburg, Va., and graduated from the Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in May '98, after which she and husband Ralph planned to move somewhere out West.

Kate Litsinger lives in California. She and her husband welcomed son Gabriel to the world recently. **Mary M. Magner** lives in D.C., where she attended law school at GWU at night and worked first on Capitol Hill and then at a private law firm during the day. She is a trademark associate at a law firm in the Foggy Bottom area. She planned to be married in May '98. She met her future husband at a metro stop on the way to work two years ago! **Mary McGuckin Masto**, who lives in Sterling, Va., has a 1-year-old son, Shane. **Claire Mayes** lives in Midlothian, Va., and is planning an April '99 wedding. **Kathy Guthrie-Merzena**, in Hopewell, N.J., is finishing her teaching certification. **Kirsten Mau**, in San Francisco, was planning to get married last April. She works in advertising and just finished a six-month trip around the world. **Monica Jenkins Mazzeo** lives in Northern Virginia and is pursuing a court reporter's degree. **Stephen Miller**, in Manassas, works as a systems analyst for Computer Sciences Corporation.

Julie Jorlett O'Donnell lives in Anchorage, Alaska, with her husband and teaches second grade. She has started a program to get her master's in education from Western Oregon U. She and her husband are the proud owners of three cats, one dog and two rabbits. Julie works occasionally giving carriage, hay wagon and sleigh rides with teams of Percheron horses. **Melissa Parmelee** has worked for KPMG Peat Marwick as a technical writer in the consulting practice and is now working on a data warehousing engagement for the National Institutes of Health. She plans an October '98 wedding. **Rebecca Pennington** lives in Fredericksburg with her husband and daughter, works for the U.S. Department of Treasury as a systems accountant.

Jessica Perkins, in Arlington, Va., recently completed her master's of library science at Catholic U. and works as an information specialist for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in Washington, D.C. **Deanna Peschka**, in Spotsylvania, Va., is a third-grade teacher and very active in volleyball. **Molly Brown Phelps** lives in Waldorf, Md., with her husband, one cat and two dogs. She works for the U.S. Census Bureau. **Colleen Quinter** and husband Jim were married in 1993 and live in New Jersey. She works as a financial coordinator for a research institute at Allegheny U. of Health Sciences in Philadelphia. She is thinking of returning to school for an M.B.A. **Joan Ruttenberg** is planning a November '98 wedding with fiancé Joel Situn. She works as a financial systems consultant for the Department of Treasury.

Dave Saunders currently lives in Los Angeles, where he has been very busy. From 1992-96 he traveled as a stand-up comedian, landing three national TV appearances. Last year he became a member of the Groundlings Improv Theater and has been in four shows since. He also married his sweetheart, Susie, and they are expecting their first child in August. Dave recently signed with Artist Entertainment Group and was up for several parts last spring during the pilot season. He says his parents receive phone calls every time someone sees the Tylenol ads and Domino's commercials. **Paige Booker Schoon** lives in Poquoson, Va., with her husband and son, William. Another baby is due in June. She is doing part-time bookkeeping. **Karen K. Shiver** works for the Flowerdew Hundred Foundation as curator of collections. She and her husband live on a 127-acre farm called Hawk Haven, where they grow soybeans and corn.

Teresa Landon Silver lives in Stafford, Va., with husband **Gordon Silver** '89 and two sons, Morgan and Benjamin. Currently she is a stay-at-home mom, and Gordon is the grounds manager at Dahlgren. They have a little farm with goats, rabbits, pigs, dogs, cats and one horse. **Tom Skinner** is a physics teacher at Brooke Point High School in Stafford. **Leigh Wafle Stoffel**, who married Jon in 1991, works at GEICO in Stafford as a sales supervisor. They have two kids, Peter and Maggie. In her spare time, Leigh volunteers for the Fredericksburg area SVC leagues, which benefit underprivileged kids.

Raelin Storey is in Minnesota, where she is an anchorwoman for the ABC affiliate in Minneapolis/St. Paul. **Susan Doig** spent the last year and a half teaching English in Seoul, Korea, where, on the streets, she ran into **Michael Smith**, who is stationed there in the Army. Small world, isn't it? **Nicole Shaffer Tarring** and husband **Todd Tarring** '92 welcomed son Trevor to the world last December. Todd keeps busy with his business, Pleasant Valley Landscapes Inc., and Nicole is taking a break from her pediatric physical therapy job to be a mom and to keep the books for Todd. **Peggy Thompson**, who lives in Spotsylvania, Va., and works for GEICO, is planning to get married this fall. **Tammy Tasheiko** married Bill Tucker in June 1997. They opened a law practice in Fredericksburg focusing on employment, family, consumer protection and insurance law. They recently purchased a new home in Fredericksburg as well. **M. Haviland Wallace**, in McLean, Va., is the administrator of the Naval Medical Center breast care center in Bethesda, Md.

Beth Watson lives on the Eastern Shore and works on Chincoteague Island as an independent insurance agent. She was planning a May '98 wedding. **Monnie Huston Wertz**, in Tampa, Fla., is the director of residence life at the U. of Tampa. She is also the coach of their newly formed equestrian team. **Maureen Whited** worked at Dahlgren on the Tomahawk project until her second daughter was born in 1994. She is now a technology integration specialist for the King and Queen Counties public schools. She also designs web pages for Alliance to save the Mattaponi. **Becky Wietz** just finished her master's degree in government administration. **Millie Edwards Winstead** lives in Charlottesville, Va., and is expecting a baby in May. She works for a non-profit organization that deals with housing issues.

Wow, I think that is everything. If I left anything or anyone out, please write or e-mail me. As for Todd and me, we really enjoy playing with our 9-month-old son, Cody. He is into everything and keeps us quite busy. I am still making the dreaded commute up to D.C. every day, and Todd is commuting the opposite way to Culpeper, Va., where he is a technology teacher for Culpeper County High School. He is the offensive coordinator for the football team, which has won the district championship for two years in a row. He also coaches the JV baseball team.

I hope everyone is doing well. Please keep in touch!

1992

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I first want to thank everyone who sent a letter about what is going on in their lives. It was great to hear from all of you, and I hope that everyone keeps in touch. Secondly, I want to thank **Hope Glass Marquart** for all the great work she has done as your past class agent and for turning the reins over to me.

I frequently keep in touch with **Tammy White**, **Teresa Duncan**, **Jody Smith**, **Nilou Tavassoli**, and **Shannon McKenna**. Tammy lives in Manassas and works for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics as a writer. Teresa is working in Alexandria as the manager of two dental offices. She also earned her master's in health-care management at Marymount U. and is still working toward her M.B.A. She married Norman Laythe in October 1997, and they honeymooned in Italy. Jody lives on Long Island and is a newly tenured seventh-grade history teacher, having received her master's of education last year. Nilou lives in Fairfax and works as a contractor for the Navy sealift program. Shannon was recently married to Joe Brooks, an airman in the Air Force. They live in Ohio, and Shannon is training to become an herbalist and running her own company, Blended Blessings.

Jennifer Malos lives in Manassas with her dog, Lanny, and works as a patent clerk at the U.S. Patent Office. **Sandy McCaffity** married Travis Lyle in 1994 and is working for VMS Inc. She still keeps in touch with **Bill Major** and **Jenny Lentz**. Bill and Jenny are married, have a daughter with red hair, and live in Tennessee. Bill works for the Tennessee Valley Authority as an environmental scientist, and Jenny earned her master's in public administration. **Jennifer Williams** married Juan Valqui, a free-lance choreographer, in 1994. She works at *The Daily Press* as a wire editor/news assistant. Jennifer and Juan also run a budding professional ballet company and school and own a retail business that sells dance wear. According to her note, they rarely sleep. **Cathy d'Araujo** married Zachery Taylor in 1994. They live in Alaska, where Zachery is stationed, and are expecting their first baby, a girl. Cathy told me that **Cate Swain** married her long-time sweetheart, Kevin DiMisa, in 1996, and they live in Maryland. **Christina Schrag** married in 1995 and now lives with her husband in Baltimore. **Linda Trotter**, who also lives in Baltimore, is working on her M.B.A. and is engaged to be married. **Tracy Carter** lives in Richmond, and **Anne Dressler** lives in Northern Virginia.

I was happy to hear from **Whitney Hall**. She married **Brian Donaghy**, and they live in Madison, Wis. Brian is a manager for Famous Dave's of America, and Whitney is working for a CPA/management firm. **Rachel Abrajano** married Rob Beattie in May and works for NET2000, a telecommunications consulting company. Congratulations go to **Rob Teweles**, who is engaged to marry **Allison Andrews** '95 in November. Rob is working for an educational tour company and will be moving to Charlottesville next year. **Tari Stage** married Kirt Harvey and will soon begin her fourth year at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio. Tari and Kirt hope to receive a call to be pastors in Alaska when she graduates. **Michelle Collette** married Chris Hartz in 1993, and they live in Florida. She is working as a legal secretary in Tampa. **Rob Puterio** is a history teacher for the Loudoun County public schools and is a wrestling and softball coach. He earned his master's in education from Marymount in 1997. **Neil Gallagher** earned his law degree from Louisiana State U. in 1997 and is now a trial attorney with the Department of Justice's narcotics division. Neil told me that **Jason Ackerman** is a financial analyst for Arthur Anderson, and that **Russ Collins** is in his third year of law school at the U. of Houston. **Elizabeth Bowen** married Mike Jones in 1993 and had their first child, a daughter, in 1997. Elizabeth is working for the Westmoreland county Department of Social Services. **Karen Staples** lives in Colonial Beach and works for SAIC, a government contractor.

Gary Smith lives and works as a software engineering consultant in Northern Virginia. **Jennifer Brockel** married Ross Armstrong in 1996 and had their first child in August. She earned her master's in education in 1995 from George Mason and now teaches fourth grade in Fairfax County. **Anita Essalih** works for Congressman Tom Bliley in his Culpeper office. Her son transferred to MWC and is on the men's soccer team. **Art Speyer** and **Michelle Thomas** married in 1996 and both work for the U.S. Marine Corps. Art works in the intelligence activity department, and Michelle is a contractor for Tracor Systems Technologies. I was really glad to hear from **Tonya Young**, who married Chris Wilder in 1997. A lot of MWCers were in attendance: **Tammy White**, **Nilou Tavassoli**, **John Doyle** and **James Smith**. **Christina Joubran** lives in Falls Church and is starting her third and final year at George Mason School of Law.

I had not seen **Amy Mumpower** in quite some time and was really happy to hear that she got married in May and bought a house in Hanover County last summer. Amy is working on her master's in public administration at VCU. **Angie Williams** married Chris Caulfield in June and is working on the thesis for her graduate degree in dance at George Mason U. **Sally Tice** lives in Sacramento, Calif., and manages a clinic for planned parenthood while studying for her master's in social work. **Simon Borger**, another California transplant, is a clinical social worker and married Dawn Dughi in October 1997. **Carol Swindell** graduated from Hollins College in May and plans to enter a Ph.D. program at Virginia Tech. Carol lives at Smith Mountain Lake and is working for the Veterans Administration. **Ross Ramsey** is working at William and Mary in the athletic department as a fund-raiser. Ross recently saw **Abe Evans**, who is married and has a 3-year-old son. Abe and his family live in Richmond.

Michelle Payne reports that she still keeps in touch with quite a few grads. She said that **Colleen McDowell** married Jim Smith, and they are residing in Richmond. **Rob Haley** lives in Middlesex with his wife, Shannon, and is working at his family's business. **Sally Brocksen** lives in Sacramento, Calif., and **Scarlett Bohannon** works for the Department of Environmental Quality in Richmond. Finally, Michelle reports that **Sandra Hoehne** '94 is somewhere between Vienna, Va., and Rome, Italy. Michelle is enjoying married life, her two children, and working at her family's marina in Mathews.

Rebecca Destine works for the American Public Transit Association in Washington. **Kate Stainer** wrote that she spent two years in Croatia working at the Bosnian headquarters of a large U.S. humanitarian organization. Since her return, she has been working as a foreign affairs analyst while living in Maryland.

Barbara Pike was kind enough to send updates on grads that she still keeps in touch with. She notes that **Denise Mangini** lives in Minnesota and works for the immigration department at a local airport. **Emily Cyr** is an assignment editor for Channel 9 News in Washington, D.C., and lives in Gaithersburg. **Maureen Lynch** '94 is a student at UNC/Wilmington. **Kristen Adler** '94 works at a theater in New Jersey and was busily preparing for her April '98 wedding to Tom Kelleher. Barbara also wrote that she is married to John Osborne, and they have a 2-year-old son, Zachary.

Chere Hedges works in Washington, D.C., for a commercial real estate developer and married Greg Trehey in 1996. They live in Maryland and had their first child in October 1997. One person I see quite often, but not in person, is **Eric Pritchett**, who is a full-time weatherman for Channel 29 in Charlottesville. He is continuing his studies to gain his weather certification seal from the National Weather Association and is very active with the political scene in Staunton. **Franklin Altman** wrote that he is employed by TRACOR Systems Technologies and also serves as a publicity officer for the Fredericksburg chapter of the VA Brain Injury Association. Franklin is enrolled in the master of information systems program at Strayer College. **Tim Rice** lives in Winchester and has been working as a police officer for the past four years. He is testing with the U.S. Secret Service to become a special agent.

Mike Weil has been traveling to Charlottesville to see his girlfriend and working for a private consultant firm. He also earned his master's in city planning and civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He wrote that **Bob Himmel** married **Jill Trussell** '94. They reside in Harrisonburg, where Bob is working for a law firm, and Jill teaches. **Derek Tucker** married **Blythe Marcus** '94, and they live in Northern Virginia. **Dodd Terry** is a rate analyst for Maersk and lives in Old Bridge, N.J. Mike adds that Dodd is keeping busy coaching a girls soccer team, working as a trainer for two other soccer teams, and studying for his national coaching license. **Tim Landis** lives in Alexandria and works on Capital Hill. Mike said that **Josh Lontz** works for Bradford Map & Globe in Atlanta as an assistant manager and runs their GIPS services division. Josh also plays on two volleyball leagues, and one of his teams won the national championship last year in Kansas City.

I saw **Mike Flynn** at Homecoming in 1997 — he said that he is working as a linguist in Washington. I also ran into **Matt Mejia**, and he is working for MWC as an admissions counselor. He enjoys living in Fredericksburg and spreading the word about the benefits of an education from MWC. **Adam Owings** reports that he is senior assistant director of undergraduate admissions at Marymount U. He is also pursuing a master's in science in management at Marymount and was to graduate soon. **Steven Covert**, married to **Amy Parrish** '95, graduated in 1996 from VCU with a master's in educational administration and supervision. Steven is an assistant principal at Chancellor High School, and Amy is a free-lance writer and children's book author. They reside in Fredericksburg with their dog, Molly. **Leigh Fuller** lives in South Boston and earned her real estate appraiser license last March. She and her boyfriend are in the process of building a house of their own, and once it is completed, they will begin planning their wedding.

Tracy Young has kept in touch with quite a

few fellow grads. She writes that **Alyson Scimeca** married David Brody in 1996. Alyson works for Chevy Chase Bank as a loan processor, and she and David live in Alexandria with their dog, Hattie. **Karen Smith** married John Clerici, and they also live in Alexandria with their dog, Maggie. **Michelle Martin** is married to Jeff Durand, and they had their first child in May. Michelle works for The Associates as a senior customer representative and lives in Danville with her family. **Lori Fitzgerald** married **Chris Louden** '91 in August 1997. She works at golf.com, an Internet site, and Lori and Chris plan to stay in Northern Virginia. **Cindy Rush** is working as an instructional program administrator for Hampton city schools. She married Zane Reasoner, and they live in Portsmouth. **Stacey Bailey** married Kevin Kearney, and they purchased their first home in Annandale last year. Stacey is a project engineer for Advanced Marine Enterprises. Tracy added that she married Charlie Rowland in August 1997, and they live in Dayton.

Heather Gebbia lives in Portland, Maine, and is a lawyer, practicing in the area of healthcare. **Jeff Noonan** wrote that he is looking forward to the five-year reunion. He works at the World Bank in Washington and is studying Spanish and Russian. Jeff's roommates are **Chris Louden** '91 and **Mark Gilliat** '91. **Eric Dawson** married **Christine Mundt** in 1996, and they live in Reston. Eric keeps in touch with **Evan LaRouche**, who lives in Newark, Del. **Stacy Freed** lives in Vienna and has been working for America Online for the past year and a half. She and **Joe Kruper** '92 are still dating, and they keep busy with her dog, Bailey. Joe works with **Rob Menefee** '92 in Woodbridge. Stacy noted that **Kirsten Bensten** married **Jubal Thompson** '91 last October, and, according to Stacy, there were many MWC grads in attendance. **Heather Yaeck** lives in Pennsylvania and got married in June 1997. **Mike Keenan** and **Kim Cornell** '94 were married in May. Lastly, **Carter Underwood** and **Tiffani Sisk** were married in August.

Jen Studt has been quite busy since graduation. She is working for Close Up Foundation and received a promotion to program supervisor. In addition, for the past two years she has been the retail distribution manager for the band Eddie From Ohio. Jen added that she keeps in touch with **Lori Fitzgerald**, **Katherine Ashby**, **Karen Clerici**, and **Brian Sullivan**. Katherine lives in Falls Church with **Karri Ellis** and teaches seventh-grade special education in Alexandria. Karri works for DynCorp in Reston and was married in October 1997.

Jen Riordan is finishing her Ph.D. in physics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and will graduate this year. She reported that **Tracy Sexton** works for American Management Services, **Karen Berry** got married in May 1997 to Russel Wanek, and that **Amy Jarvis** married Charles Vernon in November 1997. **Jen Moravee** and husband Kelly Madison have a son, Ryan, and they live in the Richmond area. **Roger Viadero** and wife Patty live in Morgantown, W.V. He just completed his Ph.D. in environmental engineering and is currently a research professor at WVU. **Suzanne Horsley** lives in Richmond with her dog and is a public relations specialist for the Virginia Department of Beverage Control. She is also a student at VCU's mass communication school and keeps in touch with **Diane Newcomb Easter**, **Cindy Dunnavant**, and **Anne Bailey**. **Michelle Wright** married Dan Ditzler in 1993, and they have a 2-year-old daughter named Daria. Michelle still lives in the Fredericksburg area and works for Freeman Beverage. She sees **John T. Williams** quite frequently, as she is the sales representative for the restaurant he owns.

After graduating, I moved to Richmond and worked as a legislative assistant for a member of the House of Delegates and the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office. About a year and a half ago, I moved back to my hometown, Charlottesville, to take a job as a coordinator at the Association for Investment Management and Research, a professional association for financial analysts. One of my younger brothers is a junior at MWC, so I have a regular opportunity to visit the Wash. I am engaged to marry Pratt Valentine in June 1999. I'm very excited about the big event and have been planning like crazy. I really miss the great days I had at MWC and really have enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with those I lost touch with and to introduce myself to those I never really knew.

1994

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From Kelly:

Thank you for all the wonderful news you have sent.

Anne Kennedy writes that she lives in McLean, Va., and works for Delta Solutions & Technologies Inc. She says that **Jennifer Rice** has been promoted to senior writer for *Optics and Photonics News* in Washington, D.C. **Maureen Roskoski** is a project manager for an environmental assessment firm in Bethesda, Md. **Jennifer Donahoe** completed an M.S. in genetic counseling and works for Case Western Reserve U. **Padma Knight** is a children's counselor in San Diego, Calif. **Leslie Schreiber** manages a bike store in Burlington, Vt. **Kari Ann Rice** and **Darin Cassedy** '91 live in Woodbridge. They married in May 1996. Darin is a nighttime policeman in Arlington County, and Kari is working on a master's in occupational therapy at Shenandoah U.

Congratulations to several classmates. **Heather Gronseth** married James P. Kemp last March and lives in Las Vegas. She is a deputy attorney general for the state of Nevada. **Jennifer Pugin** also married recently. She and her husband reside in Poway, Calif. **Lori Brown** married last year, too. She lives in Charlotte, N.C., and works for First Union. Lori writes that **Mary Fiscina** lives in Alexandria, Va., and teaches science at Langley High School. **Amy Baynard** is an editor for *The Insider's Guide* and lives in Manteo, N.C. **Eric Amtsberg** lives in Stony Brook, N.Y., teaches religion, coaches lacrosse and works in the admissions office at the Stony Brook School.

Pat and **Tessie O'Tahl Crawley** live in Woodbridge and are expecting their first child. **Ginger Dore** lives in Haymarket, Va., and works in Washington, D.C. **Bob Tompkins** lives in Richmond and works for Allstate Insurance Company. **Julie Tillman Back** '95 lives in Hampton, Va., with daughter Lauren and husband Steve. Julie writes that **Ann Perry Fuller** lives with her husband, Scott, in Virginia Beach, where they have their own business. **Angela Jensvold** is pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at the U. of Southern California. **Mandy Khaiyer** works in Norfolk for a NASA contractor. **Kym France** is engaged to be married in June '98.

Lt. **Lynnett L. Schindler** recently graduated from the Uniformed Services U. of the Health Sciences (USUHS), the nation's only uniformed medical school. **Emily S. Howell**, a lieutenant in the Marine Corps, recently returned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., after a six-month tour in the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and the Arabian Gulf. She visited Australia, Bahrain, Guam, India, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates during her military travels.

I am still in the Carolinas. I have a secret desire to compete as a professional ballroom dancer, but for now I am teaching sixth-grade math, science and reading in Charlotte.

1995

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A note to the Alumni Association from **Gina M. Hernandez** brought news of a few classmates. She visited with **John** and **Michele Holtman Sidebottom** and **Barry** and **Lisa Kraus** in September 1997, when they attended the wedding of **Emily Trexler** '94 and Stuart Whitten in Virginia. On the way back, she stopped at MWC and was surprised at the changes: the roadways, the Eagles Nest, the new buildings on campus. She tried to visit her old freshman dorm room in Virginia Hall, but no one was home. Michele and John purchased a new home near Fairfax. Lisa and Barry have their hands full with their adorable year-old baby, Ryan. And Gina was engaged to be married to Lt. Zachary Lister, USAF. As the coordinator of the Dance Department at Texas A&M U., Gina assisted in the production of the dance arts society's spring show. She choreographed a ballet farce titled "Technical Difficulties."

1996

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From Jill:

Congratulations to **Rob Strassheim** and **Amy Minter**, who graduated with me from Marymount U. in May. Rob earned an M.B.A., Amy earned a bachelor's in nursing, and I earned a master's in education.

Tracey King graduated from medical technology school at the INOVA Fairfax Hospital in July 1997 and is now serving as the chief medical technologist at an infectious disease doctors' office. Tracey also got married in August 1998. She writes that **Tad Czyzewski** lives in Fredericksburg and works at Capital One. **Kate Ford** moved to Virginia Beach after graduation and works with Enterprise. **Adam Karst** '95 also lives in Virginia Beach. **Jen Lapasota** '94 works in Alexandria as a teacher, and **Sonja Visser** '95 works for a local cable station in Maryland.

Geof Hart and **Kristen Dowdy** are tying the knot in October '98. Kristen works as an inventory control coordinator for Rowe Furniture in McLean, and Geof works for Vector Research. **Andi Tapscott** and **Tug Martin** have set up their home in Williamsburg. Tug continues to work in Hampton, while Andi works in Richmond.

Brendan '95 and **Corrie Henson Kelly**

bought their first home in Fredericksburg. Brendan is an intelligence officer at DIA, and Corrie teaches third grade at Winding Creek Elementary School in Stafford. Corrie writes that **Jennifer Hendricks** works in Richmond, and **Ann Humphries** was able to come home for a visit while in the Peace Corps, stationed in Africa.

Corinne Lears lives in Baltimore, Md. Corey is working on her M.B.A. in marketing at Loyola College while employed as a manager of a staffing service.

After living in Connecticut for a year and a half, **Kristen Gleason** moved back to the area and is working for the National Geographic Society in ad production. Kristen has kept in touch with **Gillian Cohee Anderson**, who lives in Fredericksburg with her son, Nathan. **Susan Payne**, **Martha Fay** and **Kim Peters** live together in Arlington. Susan works for Georgetown U. in the school of business, Martha works for the Folger Shakespeare Library, and Kim works for the National Restaurant Association's library. **Jessica Ridout** recently earned her graduate degree and is looking for a teaching job in Northern Virginia and hopefully will move in with Susan, Martha and Kim. **Tara Persico** works for SOCMA in Washington, D.C., and **Sara Bickford** finished graduate school and moved to California to complete her graduate internship. Thanks for all the updates, Kristen!

Please keep me up to date on any changes in your lives! To those of you who e-mailed me information toward the beginning of this year, I apologize for not including you, but my e-mail service went haywire, and I lost your messages. Try me again!

From Jen:

Thanks to all of those who shared their news, and please keep it coming!

Matthew Ladenheim has been adjusting to the rigors of law school, after taking a year off after graduation. He attends Penn State U. and has made it through his first year. Matt tells me that **Dave DiMatteo** is not too far from Fredericksburg, teaching school in Richmond, Va., and keeping the classroom lively! **Thomas Collier** is in the 'burg, working at an outdoor store. Also in town are **Geof Hart** and **Kristen Dowdy**, both involved with the Fredericksburg Jaycees. Congratulations to them as they plan their wedding for this year!

I hear that **Robert Fox** has moved on to a higher calling and is completing seminary work at the graduate level. Moving away, **Joanna Osborne** and **Amy Wood** are enjoying life in Atlanta, Ga., where Amy works for Ernst & Young. It is also reported that **Emily Baird** is living in New York City and working on Wall Street with Goldman Sachs. Also enjoying city life is **A. Courtney Weise**, living and working in the Washington, D.C., area. Courtney is a legislative assistant/correspondent with House Representative John Shadegg of Arizona. And if that is not enough to keep her busy, she is involved with a church group and enjoys having her brother's family nearby, especially her toddler nephew. It has also been reported that **Derek Bottcher** is in that area and working for the Legg Mason brokerage firm.

October must be a popular month for weddings in 1998. **Kate Lulfs** '97, who lives in Fredericksburg and commutes to work in the D.C. area, will marry **Richard Ehrle** '85 of Fredericksburg. Kate tells me that wedding bells will also be ringing for **Anndelynn Tapscott** and her fiancé. **Lynn Terrill** '95, who recently completed her master's degree at Alfred U., will marry Doug Walters of Princeton, N.J.

Pursuing advanced degrees, **Dana Embrey** is living in the Richmond, Va., area and working on a master's degree in chemistry at Virginia Commonwealth U., while **Wendy Coling** is working on her M.D. at Eastern Virginia Medical School. I am happy to report that **Harry Thomas**, **Stephanie Phillips**, and I completed our master's of education degrees in counseling psychology at James Madison U. this past May. Stephanie has accepted a position with Dean College in Franklin, Maine, as the student involvement coordinator. She will live on campus and coordinate service learning and leadership education. As of May, Harry and I were in the process of interviewing and should have jobs to report in the next issue. **Tomaudrie Rudd** recently accepted a position with the office of probation and parole in Fredericksburg and is looking forward to the new challenges this will bring. In addition, Harry and Tomaudrie were engaged over winter break and have wedding plans in the works.

I will also be walking down the aisle this year; Mark Gates, of Newport News, Va., and I were engaged on New Year's Eve and will be getting married in November. While we are looking forward to our wedding, we also can't wait to honeymoon at Walt Disney World, followed by a cruise to the Bahamas.

1997

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From Michelle:

Over a year has passed since we became MWC alumni, and it has been quite a busy year for many. Keep those letters coming. It's been great hearing from everyone.

Marcie Pierson is studying at Clarion U. for her master's in library science. Navy Ensign **Aaron Zielinski** completed Officer Candidate School and is in flight school. **Ginger Newnam** is working in Dallas, Texas, as a human resources consultant in Arthur Andersen's Human Capital Services. **Erika Ehland** works as an inorganic chemist for the PQ Corporation in Conshohocken, Pa., and sings with the Valley Forge Sweet Adeline Chorus.

Kate Lulfs and **Richard Ehrle** '85 are getting married in October 1998 in Fredericksburg. **Julie Newell, Beth Moss** '98 and **Melissa Fink** '98 will be bridesmaids. Kate is busy jetsetting around the country with her job in the Department of the Navy and volunteering at MWC. **Elise Balkin** is doing great in law school at the U. of Baltimore. She and **Josh Bacigalupi** '98 are tying the knot in December.

Jason Terril works in Northern Virginia for Global Human Resource Services. This past summer he traveled to Alaska with his Boy Scout troop and also worked at camps in Vladimir, Russia, and Durango, Mexico. **Luke Sbarra** worked at the Justice Department last summer and is continuing his law degree.

1998

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IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Elsie Keffer Irvine '21
Marye Summerhill '24
Anne Segar Fowler '27
Elizabeth Windsor Persons '27
Elaine Connelly Jones '28
Lizzie Howell '29
Ellen Gordon Mills '32
Esther Lewis Walke '32
Mabel King '35
Lily Wilson Jackson Huffman '36
Frances Smith Kapfer '37
Virginia Ball Graves '38
Lucy Wilkerson Burgess '39
Etta Turner Love '39
Gertrude Richardson Cox '40
Revere Ashley Houck '40
Jeanne Davenport Rixey '40
Mary Elizabeth Werth Hill '41
Aloise Brill Ayers '42
Angie Trotta Miller '43
Cecil Hay Smith '43
Henrietta Hoylman Parsons '44
Phyllis Pemberton Perkins '45
Elizabeth Smith Stahl '45
Eleanor Covington Wells '46
Nancy Hite Tucker '47
Gurdine Link Bliss '48
Amelia Quillen McGiffin '48
Kent Repass Pence '48
Ann Jackson Atkinson '49
Ann Whitehead Salomon '49
Ann Callis Ayler '50
Barbara Kimble Schlam '52
Helen Bagley Schroeder '52
Jean Leiby Cody '53
Nancy Richardson Donofrio '53
Lois M. Harder '53
Dorothy Reisig '53
Nancy Corbett Roland '53
Mary Ann Winbourne-Goode '53
Evelyn Weston Nordstand '57
Mary Hodges Shomo '57
D. Suzanne Blythe '58
Mary Sydenstricker Rowlands '59
Kathryn Anderson Waterbury '61
Cynthia Sydnor '67
Mary Burkhart Smith '68
Alison Slade Burchett '77
John Steward '85
Shannon A. Broom '97

Eugene A. Roscoe, senior lecturer in the Department of Theatre and Dance

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Caroline McCalley Bray '39, who lost her husband
Ruby Mallory Gibson '39, who lost her sister
Virginia Reel Winston '40, who lost her husband
Ilva Haynie Doggett '44, who lost her husband and her mother
Jean Wade Otte '44, who lost her husband
Sue Vick Warren '46, who lost her stepmother
Alicia DeRivera-Cruz '50, who lost her brother
Mary Anne Moore Twite, '53, who lost her husband
Betty Lou Maier Irwin '54, who lost her husband
Mary Elizabeth Hatcher '61, who lost her mother
Carrie Jacobs Henderson '62, who lost her mother and father
Wendy J. Shadwell '63, who lost her father
Barbara Bishop Mann '66, who lost her father
Loretta Ratkus '73, who lost her mother
Faythe A. Calandra '76, who lost her father
Darlene L. Calandra '77, who lost her father
Winona Schlam Siegmond '78, who lost her mother
Erin Hart Hart '84, who lost her brother-in-law

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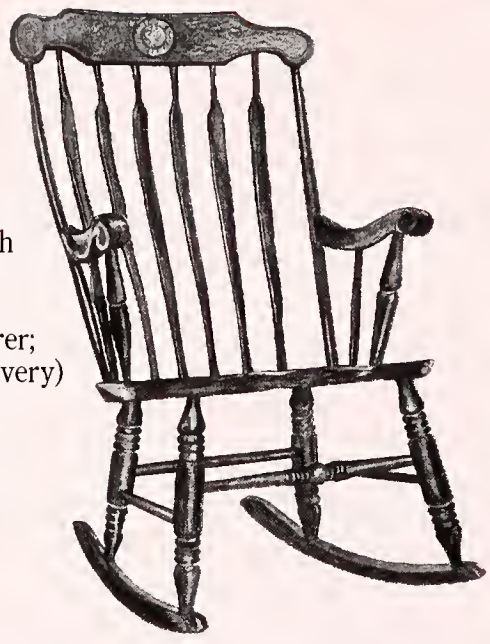

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#133-2104–Satin black finish with gold trim
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Etched with MWC seal
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(Shipping $3.00)

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